

Thomas May Continue As President

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Tribune Staff Writer

A special meeting of the Terre Haute City Council has been called for 7:30 p.m. Monday night for the election of officers for the 1975 term.

The leading candidate for president of the council appeared Monday morning to be current president Kenneth Thomas, according to a poll of the councilmen.

Councilman Pete Chalos said he appreciated the conduct of the current president and was working to retain him. According to Chalos, indications Friday were that Thomas would receive the necessary majority of votes.

Councilman Bill Jarvis said he would probably vote for Thomas. Councilman Thomas Lanahan indicated he considered the two top contenders for the position as Thomas and Jack Neaderhiser.

Councilman Neaderhiser said an "outside chance" existed that he would be a candidate but he would wait until the meeting to decide his vote.

Council President Thomas said he did not want to comment until the meeting.

Councilman Eugene Trummel said he had committed his vote but he did not want it made public until the meeting Monday night.

The remaining councilmen, Joseph Clark, John S. "Pete" Lamb and Asa Malooley said they would wait to see who the candidates were at the meeting before making their decisions.

A vice president for the council is to be voted on also. The only name mentioned for that position was that of Joseph Clark.

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by Councilman Jarvis. No other councilmen indicated a possible candidate for vice president.

The election for the president and vice president is scheduled by law for the first Monday in the new year.

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COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS — The Terre Haute City Council elected officers in a special meeting Monday night. Re-elected to a second term as president was Kenneth Thomas, councilman of the Fifth District, left. Elected as vice president was Jack Neaderhiser, councilman of the Fourth District. See story on Page 7.

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Kenny Thomas President of Community Affairs File Council Again

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In a special Terre Haute City Council meeting Monday night, current council president Kenneth Thomas was re-elected to that office for a second term.

Elected as vice president of the council was Jack Neaderhiser.

Thomas represents the Fifth District and Neaderhiser is the councilman of the Fourth District.

Votes for both men were unanimous. Joe Clark, councilman of the Sixth District, was nominated for the vice presidential position but declined.

Councilman John S. "Pete" Lamb, in opening the five minute meeting, presented a plaque to Thomas for his one year's previous services as president of the council.

All nine city councilmen and nine spectators were present.

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Council to Consider Ordinances

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Appropriation ordinances for over \$300,000 will be in business considered at the Terre Haute City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Three ordinances for the money include two ordinances to appropriate \$50,000 for the erection of stoplights and another ordinance for the beautification of Fairbanks Park at \$44,125.

Only four items of old business are on the agenda, one an ordinance previously tabled twice to build a footbridge across Lost Creek.

The intersections of Fruit-

Ridge Avenue (Blakely Street) and Locust Street and at Beech Street and Fruitridge Avenue each set at \$25,000 for the erection of stoplights.

Both stoplight ordinances have passed the city council previously. However, neither were appropriated enough money to pay for the construction costs.

According to Rudy Sanders, city engineer, the new request for \$50,000 total should "be enough." An earlier bid received for the lights at Beach Street and Fruitridge Avenue was \$22,000.

Design work for the lights at

both intersections was done through a consulting engineer at Indianapolis, said Sanders.

The \$44,125 appropriation ordinance for Fairbanks Park will go towards its "beautification," said Thomas.

Another of the ordinances calls for an \$88,000 appropriation for police squad cars. Chief of Police Jim Swift explained that the money will go first for the replacement of several older cars.

Following such replacements, Swift said that he hopes there will be enough money left over to buy between "six and 10 more off-duty cars." Presently the police department has 15 such take-home cars, a move that is effectively cutting down on costs and having a role in reducing crime, Swift added.

Other appropriation ordinances includes one for \$8,500 for salaries for two clerks in the police records room, \$85,000 to pay the school guard salaries, \$25,000 for civilian radio operators, \$10,000 for the police legal advisor and secretary

salaries, and \$3,600 for expenses in the community relations office.

All the appropriation money, except for the stoplights, will come from revenue sharing, stated Thomas.

In old business, an ordinance to build a footbridge across Lost Creek at 17th Street will be second read for the third time. In each case the ordinance has been tabled for lack of information and because of disagreement on where it should be constructed.

According to Thomas, Tom Champion, a former city fireman, has been discussing the bridge construction with the local Army Reserve to see if they would take it on as a community project.

Champion said that the bridge is still in the discussion stage. He said that the idea is for the city to provide the materials and the Reserve to put the bridge up free of charge. Reserve to put the bridge up free of charge.

The original ordinance called for a \$15,000 appropriation to construct the span.

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TH Council Rezones Property; Footbridge Move Again Tabled

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Two ordinances to rezone property were the only items to receive passage at the regular monthly meeting of the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night.

About 15 persons attended the 30 minute session.

Property to be rezoned is at 221 Blakely Avenue and at the southwest corner at the intersection of County Road 33 and the east boundary line of Harrison township. The first will be used for the construction of an office rental building and the latter for building a house.

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A third ordinance calling for the construction of a footbridge across Lost Creek at 17th Street was tabled for the third straight meeting. However, according to Councilman John Lamb, who introduced the measure, he will again bring it up at the February meeting.

The bridge ordinance had been blocked previously due to lack of information and because of council disagreements on where and how it should be built.

New business saw 11 appropriation ordinances introduced and one special ordinance.

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Among the appropriation ordinance was one set at \$44,125 for the renovation of Fairbanks Park. According to Council President Kenneth Thomas, the money is earmarked for the park's "beautification."

Two other ordinances are asking for \$50,000 total for the erection of stoplights at Fruitridge Avenue (Blakely Street) and Locust Street and at Beech Street and Fruitridge Avenue. Both ordinances for such work have passed the council previously but neither were ap-

propriated enough money to start construction.

Another ordinance set at \$71,500 will go for firemen salaries should a national law concerning wage and hour laws for all municipal employees go into effect. Presently the law is resting in the U.S. Supreme Court for review.

According to the law, firemen would have to be paid time and a half for time worked over 60 hours. The city fire department is presently on a 63-hour work week with no overtime pay. The appropriation ordinance, should it be

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needed, will go to pay the overtime requirements.

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Other appropriation ordinances introduced included \$300 for the city court reporter secretary, \$8,500 for two records room clerks in the police department, \$85,000 for school guard salaries, \$25,000 for civilian radio operators, \$10,000 for the police legal advisor and secretary salaries, \$3,600 for the community relations office, and \$88,000 for getting new and for replacing police squad cars.

All the appropriation ordinances will be paid for from revenue sharing money, except the stop light measures.

The special ordinance calls for the rezoning of property at 3011 N. 4th Street.

Only one Terre Haute citizen addressed the councilmen during the time allotted for such talk at the beginning of the meeting. He expressed a request that the alley behind his house, 1933 N. 7th St., be repaired by the city or for permission to let him do it himself.

All nine city councilmen and Mayor William J. Brighton attended the meeting.

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Community Affairs File City Council Hears 11 Money Requests

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Only two special ordinances received passage in old business at the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night with an appropriation ordinance and a resolution being stricken from the record.

In new business, 11 appropriation ordinances and one special ordinance were placed in committees.

A special ordinance to rezone property at 221 Blakely passed the council on an eight to one vote. The property was changed from the general residential classification to a commerce classification. A spokesman for the group requesting the change of classification reported the property was to be used for business offices. Councilman Bill Jarvis cast the opposing vote.

The other special ordinance to pass the council was one to rezone property at the southwest corner of the intersection of County Road 33 and the east boundary line of Harrison Township. The property was reclassified from heavy industry to a two-family residence. That ordinance passed with all councilmen voting favorably.

The appropriation ordinance to be stricken from the records was one to appropriate \$15,000 for a footbridge over Lost Creek at North 17th Street. Councilman John S. "Pete" Lamb, who introduced the measure, asked first, Thursday, if it could be tabled for a third month in succession because of legal complications. The ordinance was stricken from the records because it was a 1974 measure. Councilman Lamb indicated

that he would reintroduce the ordinance next month.

A 1974 resolution was also stricken from the record to be reintroduced next month. That resolution was for the transfer of \$400,000 for the City Plan Commission.

All the appropriation ordinances in the new business considered by the council were referred to the finance committee.

The first appropriation ordinance was one to appropriate \$44,125 for the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. The money appropriated in this ordinance is to provide for the renovation of Fairbanks Park. According to City Council President Kenneth Thomas, the money will

provide for the beautification of the park.

Another appropriation ordinance was for \$88,000 for police cars. Chief of Police James Swift said some of the money would be utilized to replace older police cars. The rest of the money is to be used to buy more take-home cars for the department, the chief said. He said he hoped six to 10 more of these cars could be purchased. The department now has 15 take-home cars.

Two other appropriation ordinances provided \$25,000 each for the installation of traffic signals. One ordinance pro-

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vided for the installation at Blakely and Locust Streets. The other ordinance provided the installation of the signals at Beech and Fruitridge Avenue. Ordinances for these stop signals passed the council before but enough money was not appropriated.

Seven other appropriation ordinances were also put in the finance committee. They were ordinances to appropriate \$300 for the City Court reporter secretary, \$8,500 for two record room clerks, \$85,000 for school guard salaries, \$25,000 for civilian radio operators, \$71,500 for Fire Department salaries, \$10,000 for police legal adviser and secretary salary and \$3,600 for the Community Relations Office.

A special ordinance for the rezoning of property was referred to the capital improvements committee. The property under consideration is at 3011 N. 4th St.

One citizen addressed the council at the time allotted before the regular council business began. He requested permission to gravel the alley behind his 1933 N. 7th St. residence. Mayor William J. Brighton, who was present at the meeting along with all nine councilmen, told the man the city would take care of the work within the next three days.

Approximately 17 citizens attended the meeting.

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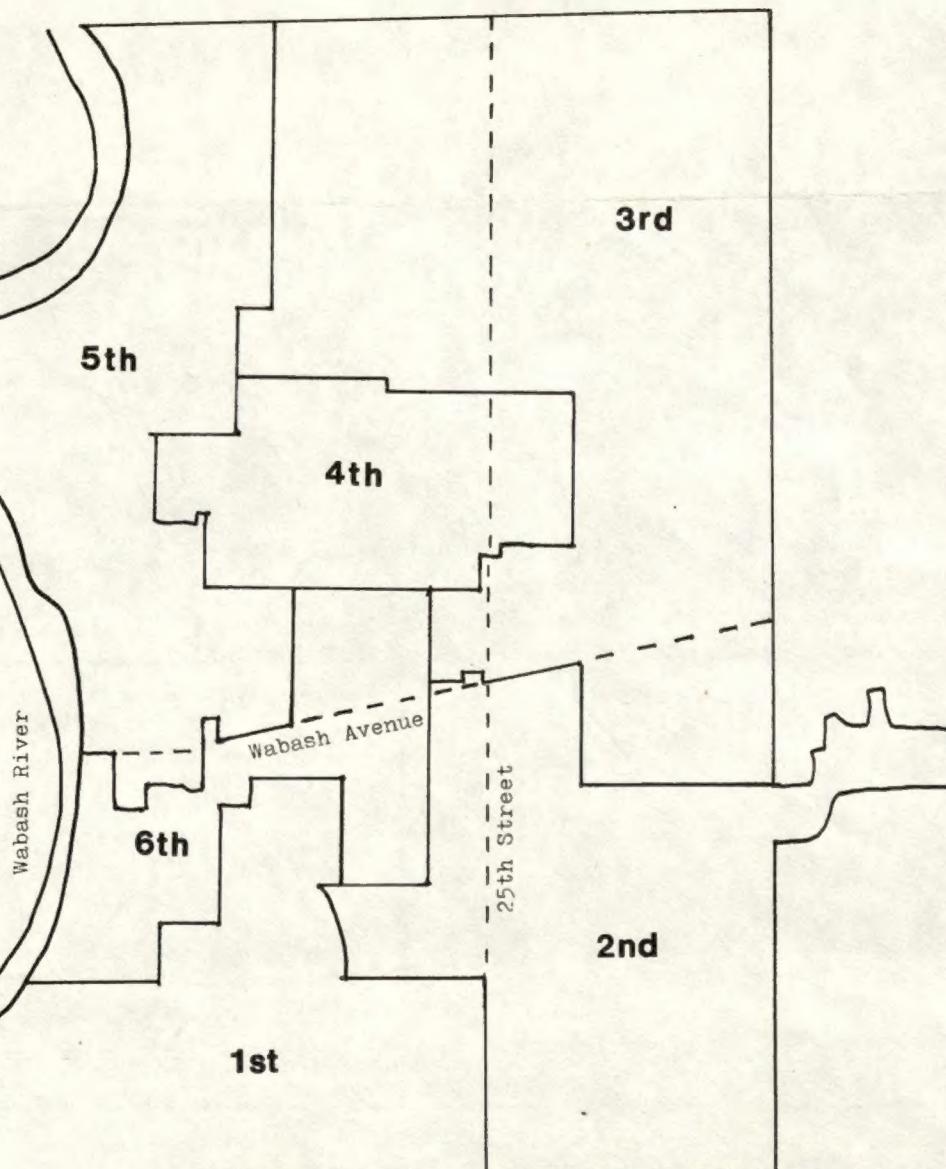
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NEW COUNCIL DISTRICTS



Council remap

Behind the Headlines

FIREMEN MAY GET 56-HOUR WEEK

The Mayor and Council apparently are considering a 56-hour week for firemen. Action will not come soon enough, however, to meet new Federal standards that became effective Jan. 1, 1975. The law now requires that firemen work no more than 60 hours per week in a 28-day period. Time beyond that must be paid as time-and-a-half. In 1976, 58 hours will become the standard work week.

Terre Haute firemen, would cost the city an additional estimated \$67,000 this year if hours are not changed. Only five men will be required to meet the reduced work schedule. It is expected these can easily be found within the department by moving secretaries, inspectors, map makers, etc. back to regular duty, as before the Brighton administration. Thus no additional hiring or budget increase is anticipated.

FIRE, POLICE CHIEFS GET \$1000 RAISE

The Board of Works and Safety last week approved increases of \$1,000 each in salary for the fire and police chiefs for 1975. The Board sets salaries for these positions, as well as for sewage treatment workers and the building office. Increases of 5.5% were approved for the latter, in keeping with increases granted other city workers.

In other action the Board rejected a bid on a new car for the head of the street department because specifications were faulty. Funds to be used were left over in the 1974 street department budget, and reverted Dec. 31 because they were unencumbered.

Bids were awarded for 1975 street, oil and gas supplies; approval was given for placing flashers on guard rails at the Milwaukee tracks on Fruitridge; and an agreement for 3-phase service at the Tumpane property was signed.

SCHOOL CORPORATION ADVERTISES FOR JOBS

The School Corporation has advertised three top administrative positions, personnel director, assistant superintendent of business, and director of buildings and grounds, in the local daily newspapers as part of an affirmative action program, according to Board President Charlotte Caldwell. This new pattern will be used in the future. Applicants for these jobs will be screened and interviewed locally, but the new superintendent will make a final recommendation to the Board on filling the vacancies.

KEARNS GETS EARLY START IN NEW OFFICE

Michael Kearns, Vigo County's new prosecutor, was on the job at 8 a.m. Thursday, January 2. He remained in the office most of the day. One courthouse wag noted that Kearns had already bested former prosecutor Ralph Berry's record for time spent in the prosecutor's office in the Court House.

Berry conducted most of his business from his law office, showing up in the courthouse only for trials and an occasional press conference. His non-attendance record during office hours was matched only by his political rival, former treasurer Bernard Sweeney.

Next to hell freezing over, the most unlikely event around here would have been Sweeney and Berry bumping into each other in the courthouse. Sweeney preferred late night visits to take care of pending business.

LARRISON REMODELS

County Clerk Leland Larrison is taking some good-natured ribbing right now. Workmen are installing a suspended ceiling and new lighting in the main room of the clerk's office. Larrison has been outspokenly critical of the remodeling of offices conducted at City Hall during the Brighton administration.

His friends at the courthouse note this when they look at the new ceiling. Larrison explains the commissioners approached him and said enough money remained in last year's budget to do the project, so he agreed.



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The Terre Haute City Council's quiet effort to redistrict itself at the end of the year has left incumbent district councilmen virtual shoo-ins for re-election.

It has also raised a number of questions, some of which might only be answered by litigation that would probably kill the redistricting for this year.

An investigation by *The Spectator* into the council's recent action revealed the following:

1. The new councilmatic districts are gerrymandered in such a way as to insure continued domination of the council by the Democrats, barring a Republican sweep of great magnitude.

2. Every incumbent councilman either substantially improved his own position, or maintained an already-existing dominance.

3. The new districts, while well-balanced according to population, are not balanced according to the numbers of electors or registered voters, which is what the law required.

4. When the new councilmatic districts take effect soon, upon publication of the new ordinance, the Sixth District will be left without a councilman within its boundaries.

5. Incumbent councilmen used the redistricting as an opportunity to get rid of possible opponents, or to shift precincts for political advantage.

6. As a result of the remapping of wards and precincts, a considerable expenditure of funds will be required for voter notification of new precincts; meanwhile the precincts bear no relation to the one man - one vote dictum and are in apparent violation of state law.

During the month of December, the City Council authorized the remapping of wards in the city to conform with state law calling for an equal balance in population. Wards are groupings of precincts and are used as basis for election of state convention delegates.

Subsequently, the county commissioners approved changes in precincts to eliminate split precincts and to conform to new ward boundaries. Consequently, all but 26 of the 65 precincts in the city underwent a boundary change or a change in identifying number, therefore obligating the county election board to notify an estimated 20 to 25,000 voters now residing in a different precinct.

Work on the ward and precinct remapping was done by the Vigo County Area Planning Department. The City Council then took the information to draw new councilmatic districts, based on equal population and political reality.

A special meeting was called for Friday, December 27. The council hoped to introduce the remapping ordinance, suspend the rules, and pass it, all in one night, keeping public knowledge to a minimum.

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However, lone Republican councilman Gene Trummel cast a dissenting vote on the call for suspension of the rules, thereby causing the council to reconvene Monday, December 30, for a 15-minute meeting to approve the ordinance. This time, Councilman Bill Jarvis cast the only "nay" vote, Trummel being absent.

Mayor William Brighton, in attendance at the meeting, immediately signed the ordinance.

What effect will the new districts have on the incumbents? The answer, in one word--beneficial. Comparing the incumbents' margins in the 1971 city election with what they would have received in the new districts, it is obvious that no incumbent suffered:

First District:

Pete Chalos 1971 margin -- 83
1975 margin -- 350

Second District:

Gene Trummel's 1971 margin -- 150
1975 margin -- 600

Third District:

William Jarvis 1971 margin -- 156
1975 margin -- 500

Fourth District:

Jack Neaderhiser's 1971 margin -- 1775
1975 margin -- 1300

Fifth District:

Kenneth Thomas' 1971 margin -- 360
1975 margin -- 500

Sixth District:

Eugene Butts' 1971 margin -- 980
Clark 1975 margin -- 600

Knowledgeable political observers agree that Republican wins in any but Trummel's district are extremely unlikely under the new mapping.

Not only did councilman try to insure their own reelection by placing Democrats and Republicans in appropriate areas, they also drew the lines in such a way as to take care of possible opponents and precinct committeemen.

For example, Pete Chalos upset incumbent GOP First District Councilman Bill Ennis by 83 votes in 1971. Chalos not only saw that he would gain insurance votes next time around, he saw to it that Ennis' precinct was moved into the new Sixth District.

Sixth District Councilman Joseph Clark, who replaced resigned incumbent Eugene Butts, is no longer a resident of the Sixth District, under the new remapping. He is in the First District. However, Clark has voiced his intent to run at large next time. Councilman-at-large John "Pete" Lamb will most probably give up his at-large seat to run in the "safe" Sixth District, now that Clark is going at-large.

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One immediate question which arises is the legality of Clark's continuing to serve as councilman from the Sixth District when he no longer lives within the district.

Some speculation has it that Clark may resign his Sixth District seat, simultaneous with Lamb's resignation as councilman-at-large. The council would then appoint Lamb to the Sixth District seat and Clark to the at-large seat.

One of the basic questions on the redistricting is simply this: is it legal? Special Ordinance No. 75, (the redistricting ordinance in question) states clearly in the second paragraph "Whereas, the laws of the State of Indiana require each Councilmanic District to contain, as nearly as possible, **an equal number of electors**, (emphasis added) in order to provide equal representation of the voting public. . ."

The word "elector" refers to qualified voters, generally defined as registered voters. The new districts are balanced on the basis of census figures, not on the basis of voters.

The **Spectator** checked three councilmatic districts, street-by-street, in the Vigo County Registration Office. It showed the number of registered voters to number as follows: Fifth District, 5,107; First District, 6,476; Fourth District, 7,207.

That represents a percentage variation of 41 per cent from the smallest to the largest, clearly more than would be acceptable in a definition of ". . . as nearly as possible, **an equal number of electors**. . ." as stated in the ordinance.

The new districts were based on population, just as the county council seats, Indiana General Assembly seats, and Congressional seats have been apportioned. However, the law seems to state clearly that the number of voters, not population, is the deciding factor in councilmatic districts.

The answer to the question will probably

come only in a court test. William Jarvis, concerned about opposition in the Democratic primary from hostile precinct committeemen, might institute a suit.

The county Republican organization might also initiate a court action in order to keep the new districts from going into effect. Legal action could also come from one or more possible candidates who might feel their chances have been hurt.

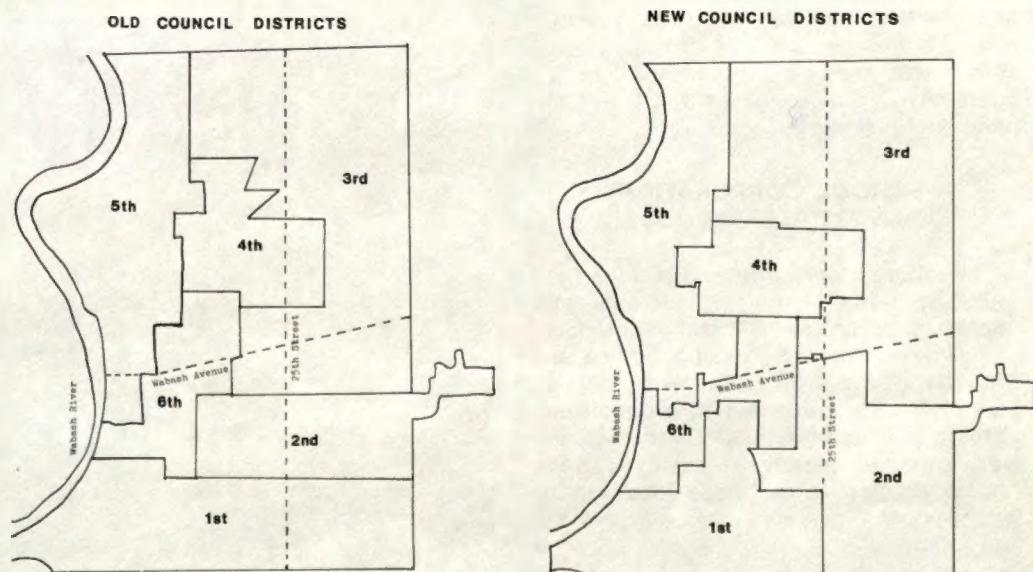
Another possible roadblock to implementation of the new districts could come from the Voter Registration Office in the Court House. Both Democratic and Republican workers in the office have objected to the short notice and the amount of paperwork and notification which needs to be done before the May election.

An allied issue has to do with the precinct set-up in the county. Indiana state law suggests a size of 1,000 voters per precinct. However, precincts in Vigo County range from a little over 100 to nearly 2,000 voters.

No effort was made to equalize the precincts in the current reorganization. There seem to be two main reasons for reluctance of politicians to do that: First, why tamper with a mechanism that is working? Second, it is difficult, as it stands, to recruit good committeemen, so why complicate the issue?

Even though no redistricting of precincts was done (other than necessary to replace existing split precincts) the county will incur a sizable cost of thousands of dollars in man-hours, paperwork and postage to notify voters of the slight changes made, leaving the county with precincts as unequal as they were before.

It is questions like the ones posed in the whole councilmatic redistricting that make politics the most fascinating sport in Vigo County. Here, you can't even always tell the players with a scorecard.



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FIFTH DISTRICT

4th WARD A	802
5th WARD A	700
5th WARD B	726
5th WARD C	6355
5th WARD D	634
5th WARD H	1574
6th WARD A	959
TOTAL	11,950

FOURTH DISTRICT

5th WARD E	643
5th WARD F	676
5th WARD G	1128
7th WARD A	996
7th WARD B	893
7th WARD C	632
7th WARD D	997
7th WARD E	1294
7th WARD F	1513
7th WARD G	770
7th WARD H	406
7th WARD K	964
7th WARD L	491
TOTAL	11,404

SIXTH DISTRICT

1st WARD C	516
1st WARD D	1713
1st WARD E	570
2nd WARD A	424
2nd WARD B	367
2nd WARD C	1254
2nd WARD E	1000
3rd WARD A	595
3rd WARD B	1188
3rd WARD E	1104
4th WARD B	750
4th WARD C	747
4th WARD D	930
4th WARD E	824
TOTAL	11,982

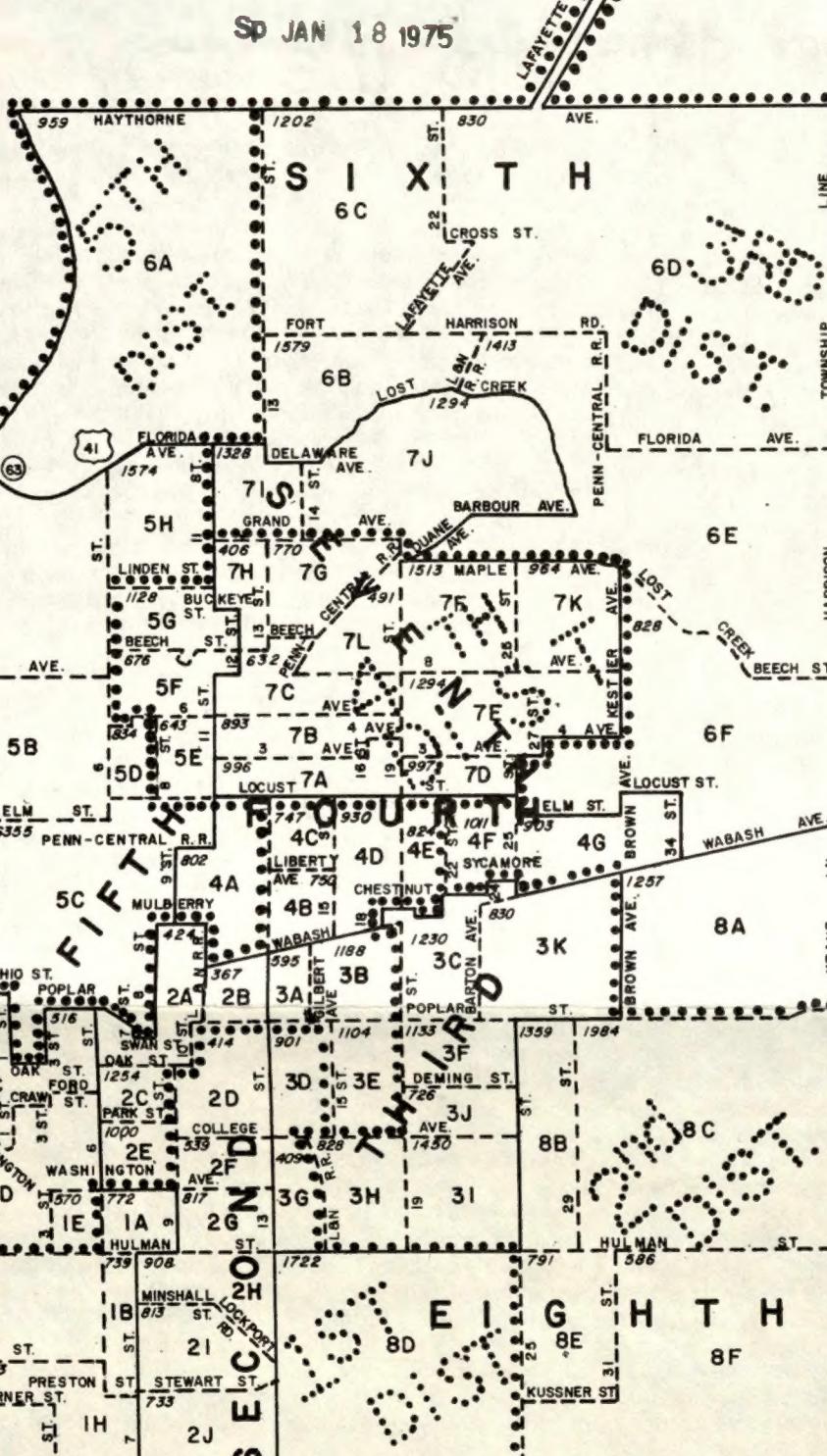
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THIRD DISTRICT

4th WARD F	1011
4th WARD G	903
6th WARD B	1579
6th WARD C	1202
6th WARD D	830
6th WARD E	1413
6th WARD F	828
7th WARD I	1328
7th WARD J	1294
8th WARD A	1257
TOTAL	11,645

SECOND DISTRICT

3rd WARD C	1230
3rd WARD F	1133
3rd WARD H	828
3rd WARD I	1450
3rd WARD J	726
3rd WARD K	830
8th WARD B	1359
8th WARD C	1584
8th WARD E	791
8th WARD F	586
8th WARD G	494
TOTAL	11,411

FIRST DISTRICT

1st WARD A	772
1st WARD B	739
1st WARD F	989
1st WARD G	1084
1st WARD H	903
2nd WARD D	414
2nd WARD F	539
2nd WARD G	817
2nd WARD H	908
2nd WARD I	813
2nd WARD J	733
3rd WARD D	901
3rd WARD G	409
8th WARD D	1722
TOTAL	11,743

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To Be Regulated

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An ordinance to regulate local draft, the ordinance does not massage parlors is presently contain any requirements for the undergoing final inspections and massagers to be fully clothed will probably be introduced at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Terre Haute City Council.

A final draft of the ordinance is presently being inspected by the Terre Haute Police Department Legal Adviser Sam Beecher.

The ordinance then will receive final inspections and revisions by the city attorney before the February council meeting.

The ordinance is composed of 20 different sections concerning such areas from the definition of a massage to the penalties for violating the law set up in the ordinance.

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According to Assistant City Attorney Jim Boswell, such requirements would be difficult to enforce. The problem is that a standard definition of fully clothed could not be reached, Boswell said.

City Attorney Mike McCormick and Boswell both said a requirement calling for the massagers to be fully clothed would have difficulty standing up in court.

Section three of the ordinance defines a massage as being "any method of pressure or friction against or stroking, kneading, rubbing, tapping, pounding, vibrating, or stimulating of the external parts of the body with the hands or with the aid of any mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliance, with or without such supplementary aids as rubbing alcohol, liniments, antiseptics, oils, powder, creams, lotions, ointments, or other similar preparations used in this practice."

Sections four, five, six, nine, ten, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 refer directly to the massage parlor owner.

If the ordinance passes, any persons wanting to open a new massage parlor must apply for and successfully get a permit from the Terre Haute Board of

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Public Works and Safety before they can start operation.

Those parlors already operating in the city will be required to get permits within 90 days after the ordinance takes effect.

The present fee proposed on the ordinance is set at \$5. However, several city council members, Brighton and Chief of Police Jim Swift have publicly stated that they want the amount raised. Swift said he personally would like for the cost to equal the highest charge presently levied by any city in the state.

When application is made, the proposed owner will be required to furnish information on where the business will be conducted and what facilities will be provided. In addition, the applicant must be at least 18 years old and must agree to having his/her picture and fingerprints taken by the city police department free of charge.

Other information to be furnished by the owner includes a three year history of past employment, whether or not any previous massage business he/she owned had its license revoked or suspended, and if any criminal convictions, including fines and sentences levied, were ever imposed on the said individual.

Once the application for the permit is made, the Board of Public Works and Safety will be required to conduct a public hearing where any person may present evidence questioning the application. A notice of the hearing will be required to be posted in advance on the proposed business property.

If all the requirements are met successfully, the board will then be required to issue the permit.

Situations that would not allow the issuance of a permit include non-compliance of building, health, city planning, housing, zoning and fire codes of the city, or if the applicant has been convicted within the three previous years of a felony, an offense involving sexual misconduct with children, public indecency, keeping a house of ill fame, pandering or prostitution, or a violation of the drug and narcotics laws of any state or the federal government.

All licenses issued are valid for one year, unless revoked, and may be renewed without the public hearing, pending no complaints. The licenses are non-transferable.

Cause of license revocation can come only if it is found that the provisions of the ordinance have been violated or if the owner, and/or employees, are convicted of a felony.

Refusing to permit reasonable inspections of the premises during business hours by duly authorized police officers or health inspectors can also be cause for license revocation. However, the owner is entitled to receive at least a ten days written notice and is allowed to present evidence in his behalf.

A "masseur" and "masseuse" are defined as any persons who, for any consideration whatsoever, engages in the practice of massage. Should this ordinance pass, they will be required to also get a permit from the board. The proposed cost is now \$2.

The massager must furnish information as to name and address, age, written evidence that they're at least 18 years old, their business or occupation within the past three years, records of any crimes, except minor traffic offenses and a statement from a physician that within 30 days of application the applicant has had a physical examination and does not have any communicable disease or defect that would be detrimental or the health of the patron.

The board will issue the massager permit within 20 days unless it finds that the person has been convicted of a felony or certain illegal sexual activities within the previous three years.

The permit can be revoked if any such convictions are made while employed at a massage parlor. A ten day revocation notice must be given by the board if such a circumstance should occur.

Failure to obtain permits by either the owner or the massager can result in a fine of up to \$300 and a jail sentence of up to six months.

Section 15 of the ordinance would require that the massage

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parlor provide adequate rest room and locker room facilities for members of each sex.

Finally, section 19 explains that the ordinance shall in no way be "construed to apply to hospitals and nursing homes or persons holding an unrevoked certificate to practice the healing arts under the laws of the State of Indiana, or to persons working under the direction of such persons or in such establishments."

Walnut Street Topic Of Hearing Tonight

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

A public hearing on the re-opening of the closed portion of Walnut Street is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the City Court Room.

The Terre Haute City Council passed an ordinance in December providing for action to be taken to re-open Walnut Street between Second and Third streets.

The meeting scheduled by the City Council is to allow interested citizens and business men to express their feelings on the street re-opening, according to City Council President Kenneth Thomas.

Jack Neiderhiser, chairman of the committee to investigate

the re-opening, said he expects would lead to a possibility of business people from the area affected by the closed street to attend the hearing.

Neaderhiser, who will be in charge of the hearing, said representatives from Public Service Indiana and the Tudor House offices are to be present. He pointed out their customers or associates must drive around behind City Hall or on Poplar Street and then on Second Street to reach the two locations.

"We're doing this for the people of Terre Haute, not just those businessmen affected there," Neaderhiser said. He said the re-opening would be a convenience for the people along with helping the business men in that area.

Neaderhiser also pointed out the re-opening of that street would help to alleviate some of the congested traffic problem on South 3rd Street.

Problems with the re-opening of the closed section of the street surfaced when Robert Payne, director of the Department of Redevelopment, said to open the street would be a violation of a contract signed by the city with the Department of Housing and Urban Renewal. Payne pointed out that to break a contract with HUD

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given previously to the city.

Payne said he contacted the district office of HUD in Indianapolis and asked if the city could get approval for the project. Payne said he sent a copy of the letter from HUD which stated the project would not be approved to all of the city councilmen.

After the urban renewal project in that area is closed in May of 1976, Walnut Street could then be re-opened there without HUD repercussions, Payne said.

Councilman Neaderhiser said he thought more could be done to get the federal approval for the project. He said the councilmen would contact state and U.S. legislators to get their aid in influencing HUD to give the approval.

Neaderhiser explained the approval to override the Indianapolis district decision against the re-opening could be gained from the regional HUD office in Chicago or the main HUD office in Washington, D.C.

Plans of a developer to purchase the property including part of the closed Walnut Street from the Department of Redevelopment were disclosed last week. The developer reportedly plans two restaurants and a three-story office building.

Payne said the developer would probably cooperate with the council on the proposed re-opening if the HUD approval is received.

"The City Council will work with the developer in every way possible to make arrangements for the re-opening if the sale of the property is consummated," Neaderhiser said.

He pointed out that such businesses as proposed for the site would profit from the re-opening of Walnut Street.

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Citizens Support Re-opening Street

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
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About 100 interested citizens and businessmen indicated that city residents would favor a re-opening of the closed portion of Walnut Street at a public hearing Tuesday night to discuss the matter.

The hearing was scheduled by the City Council to hear public opinion on a special ordinance passed in December providing for initial planning on the re-opening of Walnut Street from Second to Third Street.

The only opposing view presented against the re-opening was from Robert Payne, director of the Department of Redevelopment, who pointed out

be to violate a city contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Jack Neaderhiser, chairman of a special City Council committee to investigate the re-opening, stated at the meeting that the re-opening was being planned for the "convenience of the people of Terre Haute and surrounding areas and those doing business in the city."

Neaderhiser explained the ordinance has passed, along with a similar ordinance for the re-opening of Maple Ave., without funding appropriated so preliminary studies could be completed to determine the feasibility of the re-opening.

At the beginning of the meeting, several letters from busi-

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were read. All the letters indicated the affected businesses would be in favor of the re-opening. The letters were from Walker Electric, American States Insurance, Vigo County School Employee Credit Union, Downtown Business Association and U.S. Fidelity and Casualty Company.

Presenting the only opposition to the re-opening, Payne said personally he was for the re-opening but he was presenting the problems that could develop because of previous action taken by the Department of Redevelopment.

Payne explained the city agreed through a contract with HUD to close the affected street

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DISCUSSING RE-OPENING—A special hearing to discuss the re-opening of the closed portion of Walnut Street was sponsored Tuesday night by the City Council. Members of the special City Council committee to investigate the possible re-opening are Jack Neaderhiser, committee chairman; City Council President Kenneth Thomas, and Joe Clark.

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in an overall urban renewal plan. To break that contract, the city would jeopardize the chance of ever receiving federal money from HUD again, Payne said. The city would also be responsible to pay back immediately \$1,001,772.48 received from HUD for such projects, he added.

Payne said he agreed that the closing of the street may have been a mistake. He said much study went into the closing though. Before the final decision for the closing was made, the project went through several steps including a public hearing, the City Council, the Department of Redevelopment and the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Payne said he had presented the possible re-opening to the district HUD office in Indianapolis, for approval. The plan was not approved there.

To the suggestion by Councilman Neaderhiser of presenting the plan to the regional office in Chicago or the main office in Washington, D.C., who could override the district decision, Payne replied that he felt such an action would not be effective. He said the decision of the district office represented the main office.

Neaderhiser questioned Payne if any other cities in the country had changed from original plans with HUD. Payne explained that changes are made on programs using HUD funds but the changes usually take nearly a year for approval. He pointed out the contract with HUD would expire in May of 1976 so he felt HUD would not want to get involved in arbitration over a change.

Payne suggested the city wait until the contract expired in May of 1976 to do any actual work on the re-opening.

Payne suggested, also, if Walnut Street was to be re-opened in the future that the plans for re-opening from Second to Third streets be extended to make it from First to Third streets. The council passed an appropriation ordinance in December providing funds for the re-opening of First Street.

Payne pointed out the affected businesses in the area who

want the street re-opened knew the street was closed when they purchased the properties or approved the closing if they owned the properties when the street was closed.

Representatives from four of the property owners or renters agreed they knew about the original decision for the closing and had no objections at the time. They added that they feel now that it was a mistake and would like to have it re-opened. Jack Mankin, attorney for Morris and Zelma Landsbaum, who own a section of Walnut St. and the land near it, said his clients were "very much in favor" of the opening and would cooperate to get the street re-opened.

John Ermisch, of Ermisch Cleaners at 3rd and Walnut, said he had not thought the closing of the street would affect his business. It was pointed out that the business there has fallen off 30 per cent since Walnut St. was closed, though. Ermisch explained a traffic hazard was present for his customers due to necessary entry and exit from 3rd St. where the traffic is heavy.

Dan Senseman, president of the Lee Company, 121 S. Third St., said he would like to see Walnut Street open again too. He explained with the closing of Walnut Street an alley in which deliveries were made was closed and his company has been facing that problem.

Charles Uhl, of Public Service Indiana, said his company knew the conditions with Walnut Street closed when they built their facility there in 1971. He added the company is happy where they are but that it would be a great convenience for customers if Walnut Street was opened.

Uhl said 23½ per cent of the accounts were paid at the office in December, which figures out to over 8,000 customers driving to the office. He said 41 employees at the office and customers going to the office for other reasons could be added to the over 8,000 who would benefit a month from the re-opening of Walnut Street.

Jim Tiffen, of Tiffen's Auto Exchange, said he was also for the re-opening. He pointed out that many cars jump curbs installed on the closed street anyway.

Gerald Williams, 2120 N. 19th St., who described himself as

"just a taxpayer", added his support to the re-opening of the street.

The possibility of the land owned in the area by the Department of Redevelopment being purchased by a developer was disclosed last week. According to announcements, a three-story office building and two restaurants are planned for the area.

Neaderhiser said the council intends to talk with the possible purchaser about gaining the land for the street. Payne said he thought the developer would be interested in the re-opening and would cooperate with the council.

Payne did explain the land price has been set at \$180,000 with \$17,641 of that for the land considered as Walnut Street. Payne said the city should be prepared to reimburse the developer for that amount or run into opposition.

Also attending the meeting were the two other members of the special council committee to investigate the Walnut Street re-opening, president of the City Council Kenneth Thomas and Joe Clark.

Councilman Thomas Lenahan was also at the meeting.

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Funds Sought
Parks & Recreation, Vigo Co.

By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

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An appropriation ordinance to provide new playground equipment for four more city neighborhood parks is to be introduced at the Terre Haute City Council meeting Thursday night.

The ordinance to appropriate \$40,100 is sponsored by City Council President Kenneth Thomas.

The ordinance will provide funding for playground equipment in Collett Park, 7th Street and Maple Ave., Memorial Park, 3rd Street and 8th Avenue, Graham Park, 17th Street and Dean Avenue and Height Center Park, 13th Street and College Avenue.

The addition of the playground equipment in the four parks is part of a major neighborhood park renovation program initiated by Mayor William J. Brighton. With the installation of equipment in the parks provided for by the ordinance, all the city neighborhood parks will have playground equipment, the mayor announced.

Standard equipment will be installed in all the parks with the addition of adventure-type playground equipment at Collett Park, according to Park and Recreation Department Superintendent Patrick Dougherty. He explained this type of equipment will eventually be installed in all the neighborhood parks after the parks all have the standard equipment.

If the appropriation ordinance

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is passed, the new equipment will be installed in the parks this spring and summer, Dougherty said.

New equipment was installed in Thompson Park, 17th and Oak streets, and Herz-Rose Park, 15th and Locust streets, last fall. New equipment for Voorhees Park, Voorhees St. and Prairleton Road, and Sheridan Park, 28th and Beech streets, has already been received by the city and will be installed when the weather permits, according to Dougherty.

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The Terre Haute City Council fines a massage as being "any members will ~~use~~ the first method of pressure or friction reading of an ordinance to regulate rubbing, tapping, pounding, vi- ulate local massage parlors in brating, or stimulating of the the regular monthly meeting external parts of the body with Thursday night.

The ordinance, written at the suggestion of Mayor William J. Brighton, would enact several regulations and restrictions on massage parlors in the city.

"I feel we need some type of legislation to regulate and control these businesses," Mayor Brighton said recently.

An original ordinance has been studied by City Attorney Mike McCormick, Assistant City Attorney Jim Boswell and Police Department Legal Adviser Samuel Beecher. Several changes have been made in the ordinance to provide for legal ity.

One change in the ordinance to be introduced Thursday from the original ordinances is the

deletion of a requirement that employees of the massage parlors be fully clothed while conducting business. McCormick explained a definition of fully clothed would be hard to formulate.

Several city council members have indicated they want such a restriction in the ordinance and an amendment might be added to that effect.

If the council does amend the ordinance, McCormick and Boswell said that it may have to be tested in court. The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to review a lower court decision which decided a law which outlawed bottomless or topless dancing in bars and other public places was unconstitutional.

A special zoning category for the massage parlors has been suggested as an alternative type of regulation over the businesses. Councilman Pete Chalos has suggested that measure and Mayor Brighton has indicated such a type of regulation may be used as a secondary effort.

The proposed ordinance de-

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The ordinance will also stipulate that all massage parlors will be required to pay an annual \$250 license fee from the Board of Public Works and Safety. In addition, each employee of the parlor will have to get an annual \$10 permit.

Penalties for violating the ordinance calls for a \$300 fine and/or a six-month prison sentence.

The final clause in the proposed ordinance explains that the "ordinance shall in no way be construed to apply to hospitals and nursing homes or for persons holding an unrevoked certificate to practice the healing arts under the laws of the state of Indiana, or to persons working under the direction of such persons or in such establishments."

The entire ordinance contains 20 different sections.

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City Council Set to Vote On Several Ordinances

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

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The Terre Haute City Council will vote on several appropriation ordinances with a combined total of nearly \$400,000 in the regular monthly meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Court Room.

Appropriation ordinances up for first reading at the council meeting have a value of over \$385,000.

An ordinance to regulate massage parlors will not be introduced at the Thursday night meeting as previously announced. Controversy over the content was reported as the reason the ordinance was held out of the agenda.

The ordinances up for second reading and a vote at the meeting are on a variety of areas, including a renovation of Fairbanks Park, new police cars, erection of stop lights and city employee salaries.

A \$15,000 appropriation ordinance for the construction of a foot bridge over Lost Creek at North 17th Street may also receive council vote Thursday. The ordinance has been tabled in the last three monthly meetings due to a lack of information on the project and then council disagreement on the location.

The Fairbanks Park ordinance would appropriate \$44,125 for the renovation of the park. The renovation is to include a top of the hill, development of a formal European-style flower garden and the planting of

shrubs throughout the park. The tested now, provides for 60-hour project is to be completed in work weeks with time and a time for the second annual Banks of the Wabash Festival to be located there.

Money for the project is to come from federal revenue funds.

New city police cars would be provided by an \$88,000 appropriation ordinance.

Chief of Police James Swift said the money would first be used to replace all cars and then to purchase additional take-home cars. Take-home cars were recently added to the department and have been credited with effectively cutting down on costs and reducing crime.

New business up for first reading includes an appropriation ordinance for \$90,000 to match a \$544,000 federal grant to buy four new city buses and build a new bus garage and property for the garage.

An appropriation for \$64,565 will be used for the Fort Har- stop lights would appropriate \$25,000 for stoplights at Fruit- ridge Avenue and Locust Streets and at Beech Street and Fruit- ridge Avenue.

Both ordinances have passed the council previously but an additional \$25,000 was necessary for the funding of the project, according to City Engineer Rudy Sanders.

City salary ordinances include \$8,500 for two police records room clerks, \$85,000 for school guards, \$300 for the city court reporter, \$25,000 for civilian radio operators, \$71,500 for firemen and \$10,000 for the police legal adviser and secretary.

The \$71,500 ordinance for firemen is to go into effect only if a wage and hour law is approved by the U.S. Supreme Court. The law, being

Ordinances for \$19,100 and \$95,378.66 will be read for the Park and Recreation Department. The first ordinance will fund new playground equipment for four city neighborhood parks and the second will be for the development of Brittlebank Park on the south-side of the city.

Another new ordinance would

appropriate \$75,000 to modernize and standardize 60 stop-

lights in the city. The project

is being funded by the State

Department of Traffic Safety

and Vehicle Inspection.

Other ordinances up for first reading are \$2,500 for the re-

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placement of a hot water line, repairs on a fire truck and \$1-\$12,000 to buy foam to be used in fire rescue trucks. \$4,000 for Highland Lawn Cemetery.

City Council Votes For Squad Cars

Community Affairs File
By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

Several major appropriation ordinances were passed in the regular monthly City Council meeting Thursday night, including ordinances appropriating \$44,125 for the renovation of Fairbanks Park, \$88,000 for police squad cars and \$15,000 for the construction of a footbridge over Lost Creek.

Out of 13 ordinances up for a vote at the meeting, 11 were passed and two were tabled. Six resolutions also were voted on favorably by the council.

In new business, 10 more appropriation ordinances and four special ordinances received first reading.

An ordinance to regulate massage parlors was not introduced at the meeting as expected. Dissatisfaction with the content of the ordinance by council members was reported as the reason the ordinance was left off the night's agenda.

City Council President Kenneth Thomas said none of the councilmen would sign the ordinance as it stands now. He said the city attorney has been instructed to write an amendment to a 1957 zoning policy to include massage parlors. According to Thomas, that amendment and the massage parlor ordinance will be introduced together.

The council approved unanimously an appropriation ordinance for \$44,125 for the renovation of Fairbanks Park.

The \$44,125 appropriation from the ordinance will be used for the first phase of a three-phase renovation plan. The first phase is to include the restoration of the facade at the top of the hill, development of a formal European-style flower garden and the planting of shrubs throughout the park.

The second phase of the project is to be funded by a federal grant. Patrick Dougherty, superintendent of the Park and Recreational Department, told the council he hopes the funding will be received between

March 1 and June 1.

A spectator from the audience expressed hope that the plans for the park would be carried out and kept up after the present administration. He said he had lived near the park for several years and had seen at least four plans for beautifying the park discontinued with changing administrations. Superintendent Dougherty told the man

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a bi-partisan park and recreation board has been established during the present administration which will provide continuity from administration to administration.

The ordinance appropriating \$88,000 for new police squad cars was also approved unanimously.

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FAIRBANKS PARK RENOVATION FUNDS APPROVED—
City Council President Kenneth Thomas, left, and Park and Recreation Director Patrick Dougherty discuss plans for the renovation of Fairbanks Park. An appropriation ordinance introduced by Thomas for \$44,125 for the first phase of a three-phase renovation program was approved by the council Thursday night in the regular monthly meeting.

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Captain Bill Herndon of the Terre Haute Police Department explained the money would be used to purchase about 10 marked patrol cars and 10 take-home cars. The marked patrol cars will be to replace other patrol cars and the take-home cars will be an addition.

Capt. Herndon explained the new take-home car program was started in September, 1974, with the purchase of several cars for officers to use during off duty hours also. He said the success of this program has been extensive with the off-duty officers in take-home cars assisting motorists, backing up on-duty cars and creating a better response time to calls. He said the amount of free patrol time received by officers using the take-home cars since September has amounted to more hours than an additional officer would work in a full year.

A \$15,000 appropriation ordinance for the construction of a footbridge over Lost Creek at North 17th Street was approved by the council with an eight to one vote, with Councilman Eugene Trummel voting against it.

The footbridge ordinance had been tabled at the three previous meetings of the council due to a lack of information on the project first and then a disagreement by councilmen on where the bridge should be located. When the ordinance was passed, several councilmen expressed the hope that a footbridge could be constructed in another location on Lost Creek later, also.

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An appropriation ordinance originally introduced for \$85,000 to pay school guards was amended to \$45,000 before passage. Councilman Thomas Lenahan, who proposed the amendment, explained the money would be appropriated later but said the extra \$40,000 was needed for an ordinance for near that amount that was up for first-reading Thursday, and will be voted on next month, for new playground equipment in four neighborhood parks. He explained the money for both ordinances will be derived from the federal revenue sharing trust fund for which the city will receive another installment in June. He said after June, the other \$40,000 could be appropriated.

Other appropriation ordinances passed Thursday included \$25,000 for traffic signals at Blakely and Locust streets, \$25,000 for traffic signals at Beech Street and Fruitridge Avenue, \$25,000 for civilian radio operators for the police department, \$10,000 for the police legal adviser and secretary salaries for the last seven months of 1975, \$8,500 for two record room clerks, \$3,600 for the Community Relations Office and \$300 for the City Court Reporter.

An appropriation ordinance and a special ordinance were tabled by the council.

The appropriation ordinance was \$71,500 for Fire Department salaries. The extra salary money was applied for in case a wage and hour law is proven constitutional in the U.S. Supreme Court which requires time and a half overtime pay for all firemen working over 60-hour weeks. The city firemen presently work 63 hours a week. The ordinance was tabled until the litigation in the Supreme Court is completed.

The special ordinance that was tabled was for the rezoning of property at 3011 N. 4th St. That ordinance was tabled until the City Plan Commission could issue a recommendation on the proposal.

The six resolutions approved by the council included three for city departmental money transfers and three to allow the city to accept \$315,000 in a community development program. The departmental transfers were \$1,150 for Highland Lawn Cemetery, \$300 for the City Clerk Office and \$2,400 for the Park Department.

The 10 appropriation ordinances and four special ordinances in the new business received first reading and were assigned to committees.

Assigned to the finance committee were the appropriation ordinances for \$64,565 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$1,500 for the Highland Lawn Cemetery, \$90,000 in two ordinances for the city's share in a partially federal-funded program for a bus garage, four buses and fare boxes, \$2,500 to replace a hot water line, \$40,100 for new playground equipment in four parks, \$95,378.66 for acquisition and development of Brittlebank Park, \$75,000 for modernization and standardization of traffic signals, \$12,000 for foam to be used in a crash fire rescue truck and \$4,000 for repairs to a fire truck.

Special ordinances assigned to the capital improvements, public property and zoning committee were for the rezoning of property at the southeast corner of North 11th and Sycamore Streets, rezoning property at 1335 Grand Ave. and rezoning property at 1607 N. 27th St.

All nine councilmen were present for the voting, with Councilman William Jarvis leaving before the new business was introduced. About 60 spectators were present including students from North High School and Indiana State University.

Brittlebank Park

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Action Expected

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council is expected to pass an appropriation ordinance for the acquisition and development of the Julius Brittlebank Park in the south east side of the city at the regular council meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Court Room in City Hall.

The Brittlebank ordinance will appropriate the \$95,378.65 remaining in a grant from former resident Julius Brittlebank for the development of such a park. An earlier appropriation of \$23,000 was approved by the council for the purchase of a seven-acre plot of land at 20th and Grant streets for the neighborhood park site.

Other appropriation ordinances to be voted on include: \$40,100 for new playground equipment in four city neighborhood parks; \$10,000 for the city's share of a partially federal-funded program for a bus garage, four new buses and fare boxes; \$64,665 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$1,500 for the Highland Lawn Cemetery, \$2,500 to replace a hot water line, \$75,000 for the modernization and standardization of traffic signals, \$12,000 for foam to be used in a crash fire rescue truck and \$4,000 for repairs to a fire truck.

An ordinance to appropriate \$71,500 for Fire Department salaries will be on the docket again this month. It was tabled last month in view of litigation in the Supreme Court concerning a federal law which would increase firemen's pay overtime.

Special ordinances to be voted on will be for the rezoning of properties at the southeast corner of North 11th and Sycamore streets, 1335 Grand Ave. and 1807 N. 27th St. — which was tabled at the last meeting so the

City Plan Commission could give a recommendation.

New business for the meeting is to include an ordinance to rezone property at 2504 Schaal Ave. and a resolution authorizing an industrial development revenue bond issue for the J. I. Case Co.?

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SUPPORTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL VETO—Councilmen Thomas H. Lenahan, right, and John S. "Pete" Lamb, center supported the veto of Mayor William J. Brighton, left, of an ordinance to appropriate \$25,000 for traffic signals at Blakely and Locust at the March City Council meeting Thursday night. The mayor said he vetoed the ordinance because the State Highway Commission was against the signals and offered to install an arrow at Wabash and Blakely to alleviate some of the traffic problem in the area. Lenahan and Lamb, who originally voted against the ordinance in the February meeting, voted successfully against a veto override attempt.

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Council Fails Community Affairs Full) To Halt Veto

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council despite much verbal disagreement voted unanimously on all but one action considered at the regular monthly meeting Thursday night.

The one vote on which the councilmen split was an attempt to override a veto by Mayor William J. Brighton of an appropriation ordinance approved in the February meeting. The necessary two-thirds majority for a veto override was not achieved.

Mayor Brighton, who attended the meeting, sent a letter to the City Council indicating his veto of the ordinance appropriating \$25,000 for traffic signals at Blakely and Locust which was approved by a seven-to-two vote at the last meeting with Councilmen Thomas H. Lenahan and John S. "Pete" Lamb opposing.

The mayor explained he vetoed the ordinance because the State Highway Commission recommended against a light at

the intersection and tentatively agreed to put an arrow at the intersection of Wabash Avenue and Blakely Avenue to facilitate traffic onto Blakely and Fruitridge avenues. Mayor Brighton added if the State Highway Commission has not complied with its agreement within the next 30 or 40 days, he felt the council should then reconsider the appropriation ordinance.

Councilman William Jarvis, who suggested the attempt to override the veto, said he did not feel the traffic problem at that location was any of the State Highway Commission's business.

Councilman Lenahan pointed out the light had not been recommended by the county traffic study group in the first place and he felt the council should go along with the veto; which, if the State Highway Commission followed through on installing the arrow, would save the city \$25,000.

Councilmen Pete Chalos, Jarvis, Ken Thomas, Joe L. Clark

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and A. C. Maloley voted to override the mayor's veto and Councilmen Lenahan, Lamb, The Brittlebank appropriation Jack Neaderhiser and Eugene passed the council unanimously. Trummel voted in accordance with the mayor's decision. Six votes to override the veto were necessary so the veto was sustained.

Nine appropriation ordinances were passed, one was held in committee after being tabled in February and another was tabled for further study during old business at the meeting. Also, five special ordinances were approved, one with the suspension of rules by receiving both first and second readings at Thursday's meeting, and one special ordinance was withdrawn by its sponsor.

The appropriation ordinance which probably received the most discussion was one to appropriate \$95,378.66, for the acquisition and development of the Julius Brittlebank Park.

The Brittlebank ordinance was to appropriate the remaining money in a grant received by the city from former resident Julius Brittlebank to develop a park in his memory. An earlier appropriation of \$23,000 was approved by the council for the purchase of a seven acre plot of land at 20th and Grant streets for a neighborhood park site.

The original plans for that money had been to create two new neighborhood parks — one on the north end of the city and another on the south end. Due to problems of locating a suitable property to the north, the decision was made to use all the property on the southside to fully develop that park.

Councilman Jarvis said he did not like the decision to use all of the money on the south end of the city. He said he felt the north end was not getting the proper consideration.

Mayor Brighton answered Councilman Jarvis' allegations and said they were totally erroneous and misleading. He said \$12,000 for foam for the crash park sites in the north had been considered and a great deal of time had been spent to find

twin facilities for the north and south. He explained neither an adequate nor appropriate property could be found to the north so all funds were being channeled into the southside park.

He added the search is still on for a site in the north end of the city. The Brittlebank appropriation Two other ordinances passed unanimously provided for a total of \$90,000 to be appropriated for a new bus garage, four buses and four fare boxes.

The appropriated money is to be matched with \$544,000 of federal money, Councilman Lamb explained.

Mayor Brighton, describing the present city bus service, said nearly 800,000 passengers were accommodated in 1974 as compared to 400,000 in 1971 under the previous administration. Council President Thomas added he felt the bus service

does a "terrific job" with the drivers being courteous and the buses running on schedule.

An ordinance to appropriate \$64,565 for Fort Harrison Industrial Park was explained by Rick Shagley, representative of the Terre Haute Development Commission which was given the responsibility of running the industrial site by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Shagley told the council the \$23,000 was approved by the council for the purchase of a seven acre plot of land at 20th and Grant streets for a neighborhood park site.

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Mayor Brighton answered Councilman Jarvis' allegations and said they were totally erroneous and misleading. He said \$12,000 for foam for the crash park sites in the north had been considered and a great deal of time had been spent to find

to the council the foam would equip a new fire truck purchased for the airport with federal matching funds.

Other ordinances approved were \$4,000 for the repairs to a fire truck damaged en route to an emergency call to Hulman Field; \$2,500 for replacement of a hot water line and \$1,500 for Highland Lawn Cemetery.

The appropriation ordinance held in committee was \$71,500 for fire department salaries. The ordinance, tabled at the February meeting, was proposed to cover increased salaries demanded by a federal wage and hour law which is now being tested in the Supreme Court. The ordinance was held in committee until the outcome of the litigation is determined.

An ordinance appropriating \$75,000 for the modernization and standardization of traffic signals was tabled for further study.

Special ordinances approved were for the rezoning of property at 2100 Helen Ave., the southeast corner of North 11th and Sycamore, 1335 Grand Ave. and 1607 N. 27th St. A special ordinance in the new business was voted on after a second reading with suspension of the rules by the suggestion of Councilman Jarvis. The ordinance provided for the erection of stationary stop signs at 14th and Spang.

The special ordinance withdrawn was one to rezone property at 3011 N. 4th St. Council President Thomas was the sponsor for that ordinance and he withdrew the ordinance.

Two resolutions were approved unanimously by the council. One resolution authorized an industrial development revenue bond issue for the J. I. Case Company and another commended the North Terre Haute High School on its regional basketball win and wished players luck in the semi-state competition Saturday.

In new business, a special ordinance to provide a flasher light at 14th and Walnut streets was assigned to the traffic committee and a special ordinance to rezone property at 2504 Schaal Ave. was assigned to the capital improvements, public property and zoning com-

mittee. At time allotted at the beginning of the meeting for public comment, Ralph Brown, owner of the Ralph Brown Equipment Company of Fort Wayne and a former Terre Haute resident, explained reasons for an increase in costs of machines purchased by the city for asphalt patching. In an earlier meeting, Councilman Jarvis had questioned why the increase was necessary. Brown explained the machines were more advanced than earlier machines purchased and prices had gone up.

Approximately 50 spectators, all nine city councilmen and the mayor attended the two-hour meeting.

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Creation of
100 New Jobs
TERRE HAUTE CITY COUNCIL (THC)
By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

A resolution authorizing the issue of an industrial development revenue bond sale passed the Terre Haute City Council unanimously in the monthly meeting last Thursday night.

City Council President Kenneth Thomas, sponsor of the resolution, said 100 new jobs and additional payroll for the community would be created through the funds provided by the bond sale.

The issuance of the industrial revenue bonds would provide for the expansion of facilities at the J. I. Case Company.

The money is to be used for addition to the existing land, buildings, machinery and equipment used in the manufacturing of backhoes, log skidders, four-wheel drive articulate loaders and other related projects, Thomas explained.

"The overall total cost of the project is about \$3 million," Thomas said.

"With the new jobs created by this project, we hope the J. I. Case Company will be able to hire back those employees laid off in the recent cutback and hire additional help," Thomas added.

Industrial development revenue bonds are purchased by the local banks. They are like municipal bonds in that whoever buys them receives tax free income with the interest rate less than that on the open market.

"In case of default though, the city is not liable to pay any money," Thomas pointed out.

According to Thomas, the bonds give two advantages to the industries by: 1) "allowing them to borrow money at an interest rate lower than the open market which saves them considerable payment and interest, and 2) providing them with the money in a time of tight money."

"The project was initiated through the Terre Haute Development Commission, which was formed through the efforts of Mayor William J. Brighton," Thomas said.

The Terre Haute Development Commission members donate time to promote local industry and increase employment in the community.

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Members of the commission are: Woodrow Creason, president; William Eyre, secretary; Don Smith; John House and John Cotrell. Richard J. Shagley is the attorney for the group.

"The bond sales are passed through the cooperation of the City Council, the city administration and the Terre Haute Development Commission working closely with the local industry," Thomas explained.

"Basically, the sale of these bonds are about the only way the City Council and/or the mayor can help get jobs for the citizens of Terre Haute. Bonds are an avenue to provide new jobs for the city," according to Thomas.

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Special TH Council Session To Study Industrial Park

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By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

A special meeting of the Terre Haute City Council has been called for Friday night and discussion is expected to center around a \$675,000 appropriation ordinance which will provide funds to purchase 102 acres of property within the Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

The property, presently owned by the General Services Administration (GSA), will tie in with the 123 acres now owned by the city of Terre Haute, and consequently, Terre Haute will become the first city in the state of Indiana to possess and operate its own industrial park.

Friday night's first reading of the appropriation ordinance will be the initial steps taken by the city council to acquire the GSA property.

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According to council president Kenneth Thomas, the acquisition of the property will be a "terrific economical boost for Terre Haute."

Thomas told The Star, "This property will indeed be attractive to prospective industries because of its location and the availability of city utilities and transportation."

The council president pointed out the sooner the council acts the sooner the property will be acquired, and as a result, the

sooner Terre Haute will realize the benefits of the purchase.

Councilman Pete Chalos remarked about the council's intentions to acquire the 102 acres and said, "This land consists of several exceptional buildings and the location of the property is ideal."

"I know at this time it doesn't seem important we purchase the property because of the

present, poor economic conditions, but this recession or depression will not last forever. Once economical conditions improve, Terre Haute will be in an excellent spot to negotiate with new industries," said Chalos.

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The first district councilman

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cil will introduce first reading school officials could not be of the bill Friday night, adver reached for comment by The tise for second reading of the Star Wednesday night. bill the next two weeks, take In June, 1973, the Wabash action on the ordinance in an Valley Development Commis April council meeting, receive sion, acting as operator of the approval by the State Board of Fort Harrison Industrial Park, Accounts, and finally purchase the property from GSA.

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Not only is the city interested in the property, but the Vigo County School Corporation has aired concern in a specific portion of the 102 acre tract. A spokesman for the school corporation stated the Board of Trustees interested in acquiring four acres of land within the Fort Harrison industrial complex. On the four acres are two buildings which can be used to organize a centralized maintenance facility for the school's 158-vehicle fleet and heavy motor equipment.

The school corporation's vehicle maintenance system is presently spread throughout the school district and many of the buildings used are too small to handle major repairs to school vehicles.

In February, the school corporation discussed the possibility of purchasing the GSA land, but later learned it would be more feasible to have the city of Terre Haute purchase the entire 102 acres and later buy the four-acre tract from the city.

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Sources indicate the Indiana Vocational Technical College has also expressed interest in the Fort Harrison property, but

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agreed with Thomas about the benefits the city can offer an industry desiring to locate within the Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

"We would be able to accommodate an industry or business with proper utilities and transportation, and these are very important items to offer a prospective industry," emphasized Chalos.

Chalos said with the implementation of the Terre Haute Development Commission the city was in a good position to promote new industry to the area.

According to Chalos, the coun-

\$675,000, \$5,000 Appropriation Ordinances Put In Committee

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By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council conducted a brief session Friday night to acknowledge first reading of two appropriation ordinances, one which will provide \$675,000 for the purchase of 102 acres within the Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

President Kenneth Thomas placed both appropriation ordinances in respective committees. The ordinances will receive second reading during the council's April meeting.

The city, since early this year,

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has expressed concern in the to the finance committee, but 102-acre tract and city administrators have traveled to Washington, D.C. to negotiate with the General Services Administration (GSA), owners of the property.

If the land is purchased by the city, Terre Haute will become the first city in Indiana to own and operate its own industrial park.

Several councilmen, including president Thomas and Pete Chalos, first district representative, have aired their support of the \$675,000 appropriation ordinance, stating the land purchase would be "a terrific boost to Terre Haute's economical picture."

A second measure, a \$5,000 appropriation to purchase radio equipment for the Terre Haute fire department, was referred

not before discussion from councilman William Jarvis and Jack Neaderhiser.

Jarvis questioned the \$5,000 figure for radio equipment and stated "the figure's too high in my opinion." The veteran councilman claimed he examined the communications base which malfunctioned last Sunday because of a burned out transformer.

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"From what I saw, I feel \$5,000 is too much to repair the damages involved . . . \$500 may be," Jarvis remarked.

Neaderhiser said the communications base was a necessity to the health and welfare of local citizens, because the fire department monitors all fire calls and ambulance runs through its radio equipment.

"I'm sure a technician has examined the damages to the communication's base and has stated what repairs are needed," claimed Neaderhiser, "and although I don't know the amount of money involved, I do know we must replace some of this antiquated equipment we have within the fire department."

Jarvis agreed with Neaderhiser about the necessity to have good radio communications, but adhered to his initial opinion, claiming the \$5,000 appropriation "was too high."

Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley, earlier this week stated the department was operating on a "stand-by" communications system until a new transformer was purchased. Shipley said the present transformer was approximately 20 years old and parts to replace the burned out equipment were no longer being made.

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Fire Ordinance
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COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

City Councilman Jack Neaderhiser said misunderstandings have developed out of an ordinance to appropriate \$5,000 to the Terre Haute Fire Department which received first reading at a special City Council meeting last Friday.

Neaderhiser explained the problem resulted from the wrong idea that the \$5,000 is to be used to purchase a new transformer. Instead, the money is designed to buy a completely new 90 watt two-frequency base, according to Neaderhiser. He said just a transformer could be purchased for a fraction of the \$5,000.

The need for a new base surfaced when on Sunday, March 16, the transformer at the fire department communication center burned out, Neaderhiser said. A breakdown in the insulation wiring in the old transmitter and receiver caused the problem, he pointed out. According to Neaderhiser, J. T. Bardeaua, city radio technician, set up a temporary service to put the department back on the air.

Neaderhiser, who sponsored the ordinance, explained \$5,000 is being asked by the department to purchase a new base because the damaged equipment is over 15 years old and companies do not stock repair parts for equipment that old. After a new unit could be put into operation, the old one would be used as a stand-by unit as has been done in the city police department, Neaderhiser said.

Neaderhiser said he would like to clear with the public the fact that more than just a transformer is necessary. He said he has heard considerable negative response from people who think the \$5,000 is to go for only a transformer.

The \$5,000 would purchase a 90-watt base station with two frequency transmitters and three frequency receivers all on one remote control console. One frequency is to be used for the fire department, one for the

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Vigo County volunteer departments and one to monitor police transmissions in case the fire department is needed to assist with ambulance or fire equipment.

"Having this radio equipment in perfect working order at all times and with a stand-by unit in case of failure to the main set is extremely vital to the safety and health of the citizens of Terre Haute and the surrounding areas," Councilman Neaderhiser concluded.

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By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) project, which would form a five-county waste treatment management and water resource planning region, "just won't benefit Vigo County and Terre Haute that much," claims a Star source.

Terre Haute and county governmental agencies face a real dilemma in deciding decision whether to join with Sullivan, Vermillion, Clay and Parke counties to form the district and implement a water quality project designed to study stream pollution and create a system to improve the water quality in the Wabash River by 1983.

A meeting Tuesday, arranged by the West Central Indiana

Economic Development District (WCIEDD) at the request of Housewives' Effort for Local Progress, clearly pointed out the future of the five-county plan will depend on Terre Haute's decision to support or turn down the proposed project.

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The Terre Haute city administration, by April 15, must submit a resolution claiming the city wants to be a part of the planning region, or face the possibility of losing the federally funded project.

According to sources, Terre Haute and Vigo County feel capable of studying their own stream and water pollution problems, with or without the EPA

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project. City officials desire Vigo County to become a sole designated planning area, independent of surrounding counties, but the EPA claims "it's a five-county project or no project."

Presently, Terre Haute and Vigo County are accredited with one of the finest sewage treatment plants in the state of Indiana and have access to the services of the county and state boards of health, note City Hall officials.

"With a sewage treatment plant like ours and the expertise of local planners and Board of Health officials, I can't see why Vigo County tax dollars should be spent in other counties," claimed another City Hall spokesman.

Mayor William J. Brighton was to meet with members of the Terre Haute Sanitary District Board Tuesday night to discuss the EPA project, but attempts to interview the mayor were unsuccessful by the Star.

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First District city councilman, Pete Chalos, said Tuesday, "I am solely interested in what our tax dollars do for Vigo County, Terre Haute and the first councilmanic district."

Chalos agreed with statements from other City Hall sources concerning Terre Haute and Vigo County's capability to conduct water pollution studies and pointed out, "At any time, we're capable of testing our water for pollution, so why is it necessary to obligate ourselves to a two-year plan with other counties, when we already it now with the present facilities?"

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The first district councilman summarized his opposition to the five-county ~~recent~~ study by stating, "I don't think the other counties want Terre Haute coming into their towns and dictate their planning and I doubt if Vigo County wants outside communities dictating them. Personally, I'm for home rule and that's why I'm interested solely in Terre Haute and Vigo County."

Chalos said he is in favor of making a request to Gov. Bowen urging him to designate

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Vigo County as a 208 water quality planning area to the EPA with the county's area plan commission responsible to federal regulations spelled out in Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Amendments.

The EPA apparently stands firm on its "all or nothing" position, but as Chalos points out, "Terre Haute and Vigo County can and will take care of themselves, if necessary."

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About EPA Water Project

By RICHARD C. TUTTLE
Star Staff Writer

Although official objections to the EPA 208 water quality planning project for the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, as filed by Mayor William J. Brighton, the Board of Public Works and the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, have been removed, there are still many unanswered questions confusing the issue, according to city councilmen.

Mayor Brighton announced Wednesday that his letter of protest filed in January; and the letters filed by the sanitary commissioners and Board of Public Works about the same time, would be withdrawn.

City Councilman William H. Jarvis filed a resolution Wednesday supporting the 208 program, to be considered by the City Council at its regular meeting Thursday at City Hall. The resolution, briefly, indicates the intent of the city to join with other general purpose units of local government in the WCIEDD to develop and implement a plan resulting in a coordinated waste treatment management system for the area.

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The city had until April 15 to take its stand, and had originally

opposed joining in a regional planning program. The opposition has apparently faded, clearing the way for the City Council to act on its supporting resolution.

The regional concept was endorsed by Gov. Otis R. Bowen earlier this year when he

designated the WCIEDD as the planning agency. The city and county had objected to the designation, supporting the efforts of the Vigo County Area

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dicated the EPA could possibly allow Vigo County to go along, unqualified 'yes' vote." Lamb called attention to the city's sewage treatment plant, said to be one of the best in the midwest. He also mentioned the "Raindrop Award" given to the city for its excellent waste water treatment program in 1974 by the Wabash Valley Association.

Pete Chalos, city councilman from the first district, commented Wednesday evening, "Evidently, approval is apparently the only way we can go but I will vote no. However, there are many unanswered questions, such as who pays for any waste control system devised?; who determines priority for the projects?; is this the first step toward area-wide planning and subsequent controls?; who has the bonding authority for the district and who would issue bonds to be paid from tax revenue? There are many others, as I read the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, which appears to be removing local government control from the residents."

"Toor are we committed for only two years?" Chalos asked. "This is not clear in the law, and we should know. It is possible we could be involved for 27 years. It seems, at the end of two years when the plan is completed, we have the choice of approving or disapproving the plan. But this doesn't get Vigo County out of the district, or off the hook!"

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Planning Department to be the designated agency.

The Housewives Efforts for Local Progress (H.E.L.P.) on learning of the city's unqualified opposition, requested, and obtained a meeting Tuesday afternoon between the interested parties and officials of the Stream Pollution Control Board. Following this meeting, the mayor met with the two city boards and attorneys involved with the decision to withdraw resulting.

Brighton commented that the sanitary commission had jurisdiction over Harrison, Honey Creek, Lost Creek and Otter Creek townships, and that waste water control and management was being well handled by the commission.

John S. 'Pete' Lamb, councilman-at-large, indicated that he would probably vote a "reluctant yes" on the resolution. He also had some doubts and questions regarding the entire proposal.

Council President Kenneth R. Thomas, commented, "There are many questions to which we should have the answers. Hopefully, by making contact with those who should know and discussing the cloudy areas, we should be able to have most of those questions answered by meeting time Thursday evening. I am reluc-

Joseph Lauke, representing the State Stream Pollution Control Board, explained that any plan devised would be reviewed by various units of local government within the region, and comments of those units would be forwarded with the plan to the governor. Lauke also in-

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Council Approves Community Affairs File Land Appropriation

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

An ordinance to rezone property proved to be the most controversial and time consuming issue at the Terre Haute City Council meeting Thursday night.

In other business, though, the council approved an appropriation for \$675,000 for the purchase of the rest of the land in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park and held in committee an appropriation of \$5,000 for new fire department radio equipment.

The special ordinance to rezone the property at 2504 Schaal Ave. was defeated by the council after neighbors near that property presented their arguments against changing the property from a residential to a commercial classification.

A petition with the names of area neighbors against the rezoning was presented to the council by Jerry Kelley, 2514 Schaal Ave. He and another neighbor, Albert Crowley Jr., explained to the council that the neighbors were against the rezoning because they were afraid it would devalue their property. They also pointed out some parking problem has been evident now and they were afraid more problems would surface with the rezoning.

A hobby shop now is operated at the 2504 Schaal Avenue address through a variance issued by the Public Board of Zoning Appeals. Mrs. Maxine Royer requested the zoning change so she could expand her business to include the sale of grave markers.

The ordinance was voted down by a two-to-seven vote. Voting for the rezoning were Third District Councilman William Jarvis, sponsor of the ordinance, and First District Councilman Pete Chales. The rest of the city councilmen, Eugene Trummel, Second District, Jack Neaderhiser, Fourth District, Kenneth Thomas, Fifth District, Joe Clark, Sixth District, and Councilmen-at-Large Thomas Lenahan, A. C. Maloolley and John S. "Pete" Lamb, voted against the rezoning, with Councilman Lamb changing from a favorable to a dissenting vote after the vote was completed.

The \$675,000 appropriation ordinance for purchase of land in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park received unanimous approval by the City Council.

The money will be provided for the city to purchase 100.6 acres of the former Tumpane property that has been declared surplus by the General Services Administration of the federal government. The land is in the center of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

City Council President Kenneth Thomas said the purchase

of the property will make Terre Haute the only city in the state to have control over such an industrial park. He added he felt this will be a great benefit to the city as far as attracting new industry.

The city initially purchased 285 acres of the former Tumpane property in 1967 which has been utilized as an industrial site. Mayor William J. Brighton reported the city nets nearly \$120,000 a year in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park and will realize more with the sale or lease of the new property.

The \$5,000 appropriation ordinance for radio equipment for the Fire Department was held in committee.

Councilman Neaderhiser, sponsor of the ordinance, told the council estimates on the necessary equipment would be received from several companies and suggested the appropriation ordinance be held in committee until those figures were available.

The ordinance was introduced at a special council meeting in March after the Fire Department was forced to use temporary stand-by equipment due to a failure in the present equipment.

Also held in committee for further study was an ordinance to provide a flasher light at 14th and Walnut Sts.

A resolution to transfer \$390

for the Park and Recreation Department was tabled because of a lack of information on the transfer.

New business assigned to committee at the meeting included an appropriation ordinance to provide \$500,000 for street improvement. The ordinance was assigned to the finance committee.

Assigned to the zoning committee were ordinances to rezone property at 1617 Idaho Street and 1604 North 26th Street. Assigned to the traffic committee were ordinances to erect stop signs at 20th and Grant Streets and Linden and Blaine Streets and to erect yield signs east and west at 20th and Idaho Streets.

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City Council Gives Boost To Street Repair Program

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

A half million dollar appropriation was added to the street department improvement fund by the City Council Thursday night to give a big boost to the spring and summer street repair program for the city.

The Terre Haute City Council met in the regular session Thursday night to deal with the street improvement ordinance and several other ordinances and resolutions, including an ordinance to appropriate money for new Fire Department radio equipment which had been held over from the previous monthly meeting.

The \$500,000 street improvement ordinance passed the council with the only dissenting vote from the Councilman from the third district, William Jarvis.

Councilman Jarvis explained he wanted to hold the appropriation until the council could meet with the Street Department to see what repairs actually were to be done. Jarvis said the Street Department had previously received "too many blank checks."

Councilman-at-large John S. "Pete" Lamb voted in favor of the ordinance but asked if the councilmen could meet with those deciding the street repairs to allow council input into the decisions.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, Fourth District, also voted for the ordinance but asked that the repair plan be sent to the councilmen so they could know what was being done.

Mayor William J. Brighton, who was present for the meeting, told the councilmen the list suggested by Neaderhiser would be prepared. Before the vote was cast on the ordinance, Mayor Brighton explained many streets and alleys are "in dire need of repair" and any delay in appropriating the money for the improvements would only delay the improvements themselves.

The City Council also approved an amended ordinance to pay for new Fire Department radio equipment. The ordinance was changed from an original \$5,000 ordinance to \$3,795.

Councilman Neaderhiser, sponsor of the ordinance, made the amendment after a bid received for new equipment was only \$3,795.

The ordinance to appropriate the money for the radio equipment had been held over by the council in the April meeting because several members felt \$5,000 was too high. After bid advertisements explaining equipment needs were sent to RCA, Motorola and General Electric, the only bid received by the city was \$3,795 from GE.

The Fire Department radio equipment burned out several weeks ago and the department has since been operating on a stand-by system.

The equipment appropriation ordinance passed unanimously.

In other ordinances up for a vote by the council Tuesday, a special ordinance to rezone property at 1617 Idaho St. was approved and another one to rezone property at 1604 N. 26th St. was held in committee. Special ordinances unanimously approved for the erection of traffic signs were for stop signs at 20th and Grant, yield signs east and west at 20th and Idaho and stop signs at Linden and Blairstreets.

Councilman Lamb pointed out some problems have occurred because of yield signs. He said many motorists do not stop at them when the right-of-way is not clear and several accidents have happened as a result.

A special ordinance for flasher lights at 14th and Walnut streets was brought up for a vote by the council after previously being tabled.

Councilmen-at-large Thomas Lenahan and Lamb explained a great deal of north-south traffic goes through the intersection and four property damage accidents have occurred there this year. The councilmen proposed to install the flasher for six months.

The ordinance did not pass the council by a three to five vote, with Councilman-at-large A. C. Malooley joining the other two at large councilmen to vote for it. The majority of the councilmen felt the flasher lights would not be the most feasible way to correct the situation.

A resolution authorizing Mayor Brighton to act as the city's agent to apply for federal funds to help finance the city transit was approved unanimously. The application is to be made with the Department of Transportation for a grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. The grant will be used for maintenance and improvement of the Terre Haute transit system.

Four resolutions for the Park and Recreation Department for the transfer of funds were approved. A \$24,500 transfer for the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for playground equipment was made to correct an earlier transfer which incorrectly put the funds in the wrong park account. Transfers of \$390, \$500 and \$500 were approved for the department to pay for repairs to equipment.

New business assigned to committee by the council included a \$3,500 appropriation ordinance for the Cemetery Department assigned to the finance committee, ordinances to rezone properties at 1705 N. 27th St., 2215 Lafayette Ave. and 1705 N. 30th St. assigned to the zoning committee, and an ordinance to erect stop signs at Fenwood and Oakland assigned to the traffic committee.

During the period at the beginning of the council meeting available for citizens to address the council, David J. Adams, an unsuccessful Democrat candidate for councilman-at-large in last Tuesday's primary election, brought up a couple of complaints he said he had encountered during his campaign.

Adams pointed out a traffic problem at 25th and Ohio. He said traffic backs up for about two blocks there when Woodrow Wilson Junior High School lets out in the afternoon. He said motorists need more time to go through the intersection.

Adams second point was that many voters did not know where they were to vote in the primary because of a recent change in precincts in the city. He asked whose responsibility it was to inform the voters.

The council informed him legal advertisements had been published with this information in the daily newspapers. Mayor Brighton added the legal responsibility to inform the voters was with the Vigo County Clerk.

Eight of the nine city council-

men attended the hour-long meeting. Attending the meeting were First District Councilman Pete Chalos, Jarvis, Neaderhiser, Fifth District Councilman and Council President Kenneth Thomas, Sixth District Councilman Joe Clark and the three at-large councilmen Lamb, Lenahan and Malooley. Second District Councilman Eugene Trummel was not present.

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Council to Hear New Ordinance

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Ordinances to approve contracts for the sale of \$255,000 worth of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park will be introduced at the Terre Haute City Council meeting Thursday night, according to Mayor William J. Brighton.

Mayor Brighton announced Thursday morning that the ordinances are to approve the Board of Public Works and Safety contracts to sell a 10-acre plot of property to the Ampacet Corporation for \$5,500 and more or a total of \$55,000 and to sell to the All State Vending Company for \$200,000, the facility now occupied by that business.

The City Council will meet in its regular monthly session in the City Court Room at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Ampacet Corporation, which already occupies property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, is to purchase 10 additional acres north of their existing facility to construct a carbon black plant, according to the mayor.

The contract with Ampacet guarantees construction on the carbon black plant will begin within the next 24 months, Mayor Brighton reported. Ampacet facilities now are used for coloring for plastic.

The structure will cost in the excess of \$1 million and provide new employment for up to 40 people, the mayor said.

"There is some possibility a third structure may be built on that site," Mayor Brighton added.

"In addition, All State Vending, who now rents a facility in the Industrial Park, is exercising their option to buy their building," Mayor Brighton said.

The \$200,000 price on the All State Vending facility reflects credit given to the business for the five years of rent paid on the facility at \$40,000 a year. The total worth of the building was set at \$300,000.

"We also hope to finalize the sale of Industrial Park property to Ivy Hill on Monday," Mayor Brighton said. The Ivy Hill sale is dependent upon the transfer of title for the newly-acquired property from the federal government that was formerly controlled by the General Services Administration. The mayor reported that sale probably would amount to between \$260,000 and \$265,000.

"The future for Terre Haute looks bright," Mayor Brighton said referring to the prospects at the Industrial Park. "Terre Haute seems to be heads and shoulders above other cities in areas of development, unemployment and the future."

"I can safely say, in the next six months, more announcements of this nature will be made," he said.

The mayor reported that about 180 acres of land and approximately five buildings on the Industrial Park property owned by the city, or to be owned by the city with the expected transfer of property from the General Services Administration, remain to be rented or sold yet.

"I think within 12 months, we will have in excess back of the amount we paid for the property, with real estate still available for industrial expansion," Mayor

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Brighton said. The original 282 acres of the Industrial Park was turned over to the city after the Wabash Valley Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit group, paid off the loan for the property. The city has agreed to pay the General Services Administration \$675,000 for 100.2 acres more of property, with several buildings, next to the already city-owned area of the Industrial Park.

In other business to be considered by the council, up for initial reading at the meeting will be an ordinance sponsored by Councilman Pete Chalos to establish a new zoning area to cover massage parlors, massage schools, palm readers and fortune tellers.

Another ordinance up for the first reading only is one to annex the entrance to Honey Creek Square. The ordinance is sponsored by Council President Kenneth Thomas.

Councilmen Tom Lenahan and Jack Neaderhiser are co-sponsoring an appropriation ordinance, which is in the new business for the first reading, for \$40,000 to add to and remodel the Hulman Field Terminal Building. The terminal will be changed to add more seating room, centralize the baggage area, establish a place to operate the federally required security metal detection device and build a new entrance way.

To be voted on as part of old business will be an appropriation ordinance for \$3,500 for the cemetery department. Special ordinances to be voted on are for the rezoning of properties at 1604 N. 26th St., 1705 N. 27th St., 2215 Lafayette Ave., and 1705 N. 30th St., and for the Fenwood and Oakwood.

Resolutions which will be voted on Thursday night are for money transfers. The resolutions are for the transfer of \$15,000 for the Industrial Park, \$1,700 for the Street Department and another \$6,000 for Street Department also, \$4,000 for the Fire Department and \$2,700 for the City Engineers' office.

In the other new business which will receive first reading only and be assigned to committee to be voted on in the next council meeting, are several money appropriations. The ordinances involve \$7,000 for the remodeling of the Turner House Girls' Club (which is under the control of the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department), \$7,000 for tuck pointing and window caulking at City Hall, \$8,500 for game courts in the city parks and \$3,700 for lights for the softball diamond at Memorial Park. Also, appropriation ordinances for \$1,000 for the renovation of the city fountain and \$6,000 for Board of Works and Safety insurance are to be introduced.

Two special ordinances are to be introduced for the rezoning of property. The ordinances are for rezoning of 1018 to 1024 Poplar St. and for 1340 Ohio St.

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Increase Proposed

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

City police and firemen will receive a 5.5 per cent pay increase for 1976 if the ordinance filed Thursday is approved by the City Council.

A special council meeting to consider the ordinance is expected to be called early next week.

The ordinance, sponsored by First District Councilman Pete Chalos and filed in the City Clerk's office Thursday, provides for a 5.5 per cent increase in pay for all the city police and firemen above their present salaries. The increases will vary according to the services now received by each department member.

Two city councilmen, Jack Neaderhiser of the Fourth District and Councilman-at-large John S. "Pete" Lamb, have voiced their dissatisfaction of the ordinance and have indicated they will introduce an amendment to the ordinance. The two councilmen report they feel equal, across-the-board increases for all the police and firemen should be instituted and not raises which vary with the amounts the men already make.

The ordinance filed Thursday increases the basic pay of a police or fireman with one probationary year on the forces from \$8,081 to \$8,525. The rest of the pay raises for different ranks vary.

The council met with bargaining committees of the police and fire departments. According to Councilman Chalos, the ordinance he is sponsoring does not meet the requests of those committees but "is the best we can do with our tax base."

The bargaining committees reportedly requested a \$1,200 across-the-board increase for all police and firemen. In addition, 50 per cent of the insurance costs was requested to be paid with \$100 for each two years on the force and a \$100 increase in the present clothing allowance added, Chalos reported.

Chalos said instead of the \$1,200 across-the-board increase the 5.5 per cent increase would be feasible with other payments staying as they are now with 50 per cent of insurance paid, \$80 given for each two years on the forces and \$400 for the clothing allowances.

"We are trying to live within our budget," Chalos said, explaining why the requested in-

creases could not be given. He said there is no tax money to give the additional benefits. He pointed out the tax rate for the city has been frozen.

Chalos said the council met with the City Controller Joan Hetherington and Mayor William J. Brighton to work out the possible increases.

Councilman Chalos said Mayor Brighton has indicated he will ask for the 5.5 per cent increase in salaries for all city departments, also.

Councilman Neaderhiser explained he was dissatisfied with the ordinance because the people making more money now

will have greater salary increases with the 5.5 per cent increase based on their present salaries. "The little guy gets the least," he said.

Neaderhiser said he and Councilman Lamb will propose an amendment to spread the money out equally between all the police and firemen with the same amount of increase going to officers as well as privates and the patrolmen.

The proposed salaries for the Police Department for 1976 are: patrolmen with less than one year of service—\$7,575; patrolmen with more than one year of service—\$8,525; detectives—\$9,193; sergeants—\$9,824; lieutenants—\$10,500, and captains or assistant chiefs—\$11,995.

In the Fire Department, the proposed salaries are:

Private with less than one year—\$7,575; privates with more than one year—\$8,525; lieutenants—\$9,193; fire alarm system operators—\$9,824; captains—\$10,500; mechanics—\$11,223; assistant chief of the fire alarm system—\$11,223; chief of the fire alarm systems—\$11,995; and assistant chief—\$11,995.

The police and firemen also receive additional money based on the length of their service with their respective departments. They receive an additional \$80 per year on their second, fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth anniversaries. On their eighteenth anniversary, they receive an additional \$60.

The men also receive a \$400 clothing allowance and 50 per cent of their insurance benefits paid.

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Council Due To Meet on Pay Ordinance

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council is expected to meet in special session Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. to introduce a highly-debated ordinance determining the salaries of police and firemen for 1976.

The ordinance, filed by First District Councilman Pete Chalos last Thursday, allows a .55 percent pay hike for all city and police and firemen above their present pay.

The controversy over the ordinance, is that bargaining groups for the police and firemen have requested an across-the-board pay raise with all the officers receiving the same amount of increase.

In a news conference Saturday, spokesmen for the police and fire bargaining groups indicated they were against the proposed percentage increase because it would broaden the pay difference between the base pay and the salaries of ranking officers and that the ordinance had been introduced before a final meeting between councilmen and police and fire department negotiators.

A spokesman at the meeting claimed the negotiators and the council had agreed to meet again before an ordinance was introduced and that the meeting had not been conducted.

The council was also accused of playing politics with the pay raises. A release by the police and firemen groups said since the prime consideration in rank promotions is politics, they felt taxpayers' money was to be used to take care of political appointments.

The spokesmen for the negotiating groups have indicated they will draw up another ordinance which would allow an equal \$600 pay raise for all members of the two city departments, regardless of rank and pay now. The ordinance will have to be sponsored by a city councilman.

Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser and Councilman-at-large John S. "Pete" Lamb have said they agree that an across-the-board raise would be best and have indicated they will introduce an amendment to the Chalos ordinance which will provide the equal raises. Councilman Neaderhiser reported Monday though that he thought the city would not be able to fund a \$600 raise and figured the amendment introduced by him and Councilman Lamb would allow for about a \$500 increase.

Councilman Chalos said his ordinance was open for amendments but he had felt some type of ordinance had to be introduced now so the council could prepare for next year's budget.

"I feel like they could have come up with their proposals back in March, April or May so we would have had time to talk with them in length," Chalos said. "This has been a yearly occurrence to wait until

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the last possible minute to deal with the raises—which doesn't leave us much time."

Chalos said he had not had time to figure the costs of a \$600 across-the-board raise but said the original request of a \$1,200 across-the-board raise would have amounted to 70 cents on the tax rate (which is frozen at its present level) and something like a 16 per cent pay increase overall as compared to the 5.5 per cent pay increase he suggested.

"I don't feel like their committee's charge of playing politics is to any benefit to either them or us," Chalos added. "We're not trying to play politics; we're just trying to do the best we possibly can for them and all the citizens."

"I feel these charges and countercharges are serving no purpose in solving our problem," Councilman Chalos said.

Referring to the fact that the Terre Haute police and firemen salaries are on the list of the lowest paid in Indiana second class cities, Chalos said the city has to "live within its means" and that the city budget is determined by assessed evalua-tion.

"I'm sure we can't rectify this in one year to bring the salaries up to the highest second class city in the state, but we are working on increasing the salaries," Chalos said.

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To Be Delayed

The regular July meeting of Terre Haute City Council will not include final action on more controversial ordinance establishing salaries for Terre Haute police and firemen as earlier anticipated.

The ordinance is to be considered at a special meeting later in the month instead of the monthly meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m., in the City Court room.

The need for further study and the absence of several councilmen from the meeting have been given as reasons for the delay in taking action on the ordinance.

The disputed ordinance, introduced by First District Councilman Pete Chalos, calls for a 5.5-cent pay increase above present salaries for all city police and firemen. Wage committees of the two city groups have asked instead for an even across-the-board pay hike, saying a percentage raise above present salaries would make the differential in pay between ranks higher than it already is. The committees claim the difference in pay for ranks is already high enough.

Councilmen Jack Neiderheiser and John S. "Pete" Lamb have indicated they will amend the original ordinance to call for a \$500 across-the-board pay increase.

Also, Councilmen Neiderheiser and William Jarvis are expected to ask for a \$500 salary increase.

Old business to be considered for a vote by the council Thursday night will include a \$40,000 appropriate ordinance for remodeling and additions to Hulman Field, a \$1,000 appropriation for the renovation of a city fountain at 19th St. and Ohio Blvd., a \$6,500 appropriation for game courts in the city parks, an appropriation of \$3,700 for a lighting system at Memorial Park, a \$7,000 appropriation to renovate the Turner House, which is a part of the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department, and a \$7,000 appropriation for repairs at City Hall.

New business to receive first reading at the meeting will include rezoning resolutions for property at 1505 Fort Harrison Road, 1016 to 1024 Peplar St., and 1340, Ohio St. Appropriation ordinances to receive first reading are to be for \$40,000 for school crossing guards and \$6,000 for the Board of Works and Safety insurance. Two resolutions singling out athletic accomplishments of Terre Haute persons are to be voted on.

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Massage Parlor Zoning Passes; Pay Bill Read

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
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A controversial ordinance for a 5.5 per cent salary increase for city police and firemen received first reading and was placed in the committee as a whole at a specially-called City Council meeting Tuesday night, in which the spectator area was nearly filled with about seven police and 20 firemen opposed to the terms of the proposed increase.

The only other action of the council Tuesday night was the unanimous approval of an ordinance to require zoning of massage parlors, massage schools, fortune tellers and palm readers.

The police and firemen oppose the proposed increase because it would give a 5.5 per cent

their present salaries, with those with the highest salaries now getting the largest increases. The proposal of the police and firemen is for a \$600 across-the-board increase with all department members receiving the same amount of increase.

Spokesmen for the police and firemen said they would draw up their own ordinance and try to get a councilman to sponsor it. Councilman Pete Chalos is sponsoring the original ordinance.

Councilmen Jack Neaderhiser and John S. "Pete" Lamb informed The TRIBUNE after the special meeting that they would introduce an amendment to the ordinance for a \$500 across-the-board increase. They said the increase in their amendment,

to be introduced either at the committee meeting of the council or at the next council meeting, is comparable in cost to the city to the proposed 5.5 per cent increase.

According to figures they released, the \$500 across-the-board increase would result in \$2,941.79 more than the 5.5 per cent increase.

The total additional cost of the \$500 across-the-board increase would be \$185,685 with the 5.5 per cent increase amounting to \$182,743.21.

The city police and firemen reportedly attended Tuesday night in case the council decided to suspend the rules and give second reading to the ordinance and vote on it. At the sec-

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ond reading and vote, discussion is to be allowed.

The council will have second reading on the ordinance at the July 10 meeting unless an other special session is called.

The ordinance approved by the council Tuesday was to add an amendment to the city comprehensive zoning ordinance to include massage parlors, massage schools, fortune tellers and palm readers. Councilman Chalos also sponsored that amendment.

In an interview with The TRIBUNE when he introduced the ordinance, Councilman Chalos said he was introducing the ordinance so the council would have control over where the businesses located. He said the purpose of commercial zoning was to keep businesses out of neighborhoods where area residents did not want them.

Councilman Chalos explained

that even though the businesses listed in the ordinance have been committed and will be proven legal and upheld by the Supreme Court, much of the public still looks on them as undesirable for their own neighborhoods.

To be rezoned, an ordinance must first be introduced to the council for the rezoning by one of the city councilmen. Then, the property must be posted for one week prior to a public hearing in front of the City Plan Commission. After the City Plan Commission hearing, the council then must vote on the rezoning. If an unfavorable report was received from the commission, the council must have at least seven votes in favor of the rezoning.

Councilman Chalos said the businesses mentioned in the ordinance already established in Terre Haute will not be affected by the new ordinance; it will apply only to businesses wishing to locate from now on.

Violators found guilty of the zoning ordinance can be fined not more than \$300 or imprisoned not more than six months or both. If the offense

is a continuing one, a separate

violation shall be deemed to have been committed and will be subject to separate penalty. The following explanations of terms were included in the ordinance:

(1) "Massage" shall mean any method of pressure or friction against or stroking, kneading, rubbing, tapping, pounding, vibrating, or stimulating of the external parts of the body with the hands or with the aid of any mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliance with or without such supplementary aids as rubbing alcohol, liniments, antiseptics, oil, powder, creams, lotions, ointments, or other similar preparations used in this practice.

(2) "Massage Parlor" shall mean any establishment having a fixed place of business and whose primary source of income is derived from any person, firm, corporation, or association engaging in or carrying on or which permits to be engaged in or carried on any of the activities mentioned above.

(3) "Massage School" shall mean any establishment which teaches, instructs, or holds classes for the purpose of showing person(s) the art of massage.

(4) "Fortune Tellers" shall mean any person who, for any consideration whatsoever, engages in the practice of predicting or foretelling future events in other people's lives by the use of cards, crystal balls, or other similar apparatus, but does not include Palm Readers.

(5) "Palm Readers" shall mean any person who, for any consideration whatsoever, engages in the practice of predicting or foretelling future events in other people's lives by inspection or looking at the inner surface of the hand between the fingers and the wrist.

Councilmen Chalos, Neaderhiser, Lamb, Kenneth Thomas, Joe Clark, Asa Malooley and Tom Lenahan attended Tuesday's meeting. Councilman Bill Jarvis and Eugene Trummel were absent.

City Wage Increase

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Draws Some Concern

BY COLLEEN BLACKETER

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After a 40-minute delay in starting, a specially-called meeting of the Terre Haute City Council for the vote on a controversial ordinance establishing the pay increases of city police and firemen for 1976 went relatively smooth and quickly Wednesday night.

A \$500 across-the-board pay increase, which evidently was decided upon in a lengthy caucus of council members before the public session Wednesday night, was given to the police and firemen in the next year's budget.

Also, at the meeting first reading was heard on a special ordinance to approve a contract entered into by the Board of Public Works and Safety with the Jamax Corporation for garbage collection for the city at \$129,794 for the next year. That ordinance was given to the finance committee for consideration and is to be voted on in the next session of the council.

A resolution supporting the Citizens Energy Coalition, a group formed to combat rising energy costs, was unanimously approved also.

On the police and firemen pay raise, an original special ordinance introduced by Councilman Pete Chalos calling for a 5.5 per cent increase was amended to provide a \$500 increase.

The original Chalos ordinance had caused much controversy between council members and representatives of the wage bargaining committees for the police and firemen. The police and firemen representatives claimed the 5.5 per cent increase would make the differ-

ence in pay between ranks higher, which they claimed was already high enough.

The amendment to change the pay increase to the even \$500 across-the-board amount was introduced by Councilman William Jarvis and signed by Councilmen Jarvis, Asa Malooley, Jack Neaderhiser, John S. Lamb and Eugene Trummel.

The addition of the amendment was passed with an eight to one vote, with Councilman Chalos casting the only dissenting vote.

On the final vote for the ordinance, the vote was unanimous in favor of the increase.

When he made the amendment to the ordinance, Councilman Jarvis said, "This increase won't be to the liking of a lot of employees." He explained the raise amounted to what the city could afford and added that he hoped, in "fairness to all city employees," that they would also receive such a raise—as a resolution passed by the council in its last meeting recommended. The council does not set the salaries of any other city employees, though; they are set by the department heads and the mayor.

Councilman Neaderhiser, who along with Councilman Lamb, originally announced dissatisfaction with the percentage increase and voiced plans to introduce an across-the-board in-

crease in his ordinance for the increase, Councilman Chalos said he felt the pay increases for 1976 should have been kept at the 5.5 per cent level.

"We will have to start taking from someone else to give to the police and firemen," Councilman Chalos claimed.

Chalos said the \$500 increase does not take into consideration the resolution passed by the council recommending that all city employees be given equal across-the-board pay raises out of the available money. He said a \$500 increase for the rest of the city employees is impossible.

Councilman Chalos explained that he voted against the amendment to his ordinance but voted for the amended ordinance because he did feel a pay raise was necessary and it appeared the \$500 increase was going to be the only one accepted by the majority of the council.

Mayor Brighton said he was against the \$500 across-the-board increase only because the city cannot fund equal increases for the rest of the city employees.

"I am disappointed because we cannot give the police and firemen more," the mayor said.

"The trouble is," he said, "we should give all city employees the same amount of money in across-the-board raises."

Mayor Brighton said the council was inconsistent in awarding the \$500 across-the-board increase since in its last meeting it passed the resolution directing the administration to give equal across-the-board increases to all city employees. "They are aware that the monies are not available to give all employees a \$500 salary increase without substantially raising the tax rate—and under no circumstances am I going to submit a budget to the City Council that will increase the tax rate."

"The citizens cannot keep up with the spiraling inflationary

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costs now and I am not going to permit the city government to contribute to their increased costs in 1976," he continued.

"We are forced to figure our 1976 budget on the same assessed evaluation as 1974 because the auditor's office has not certified the new assessed evaluation," Mayor Brighton said. "This means no new monies in the tax funds which puts us under a great deal of stress to pay additional costs."

The mayor said the city has been notified that increases of \$80,000 for electricity and \$75,000 for fuel will be charged the city next year.

"I would like to give all city employees a \$1,000 a year increase because everybody knows city employees are the lowest paid people in Terre Haute," he said. "But we walk a fine line—to try to increase our employees' wages yet not to tax the citizens out of their homes."

"I can guarantee that the money for comparable increases for all city employees will not be available without a tax increase," Mayor Brighton said.

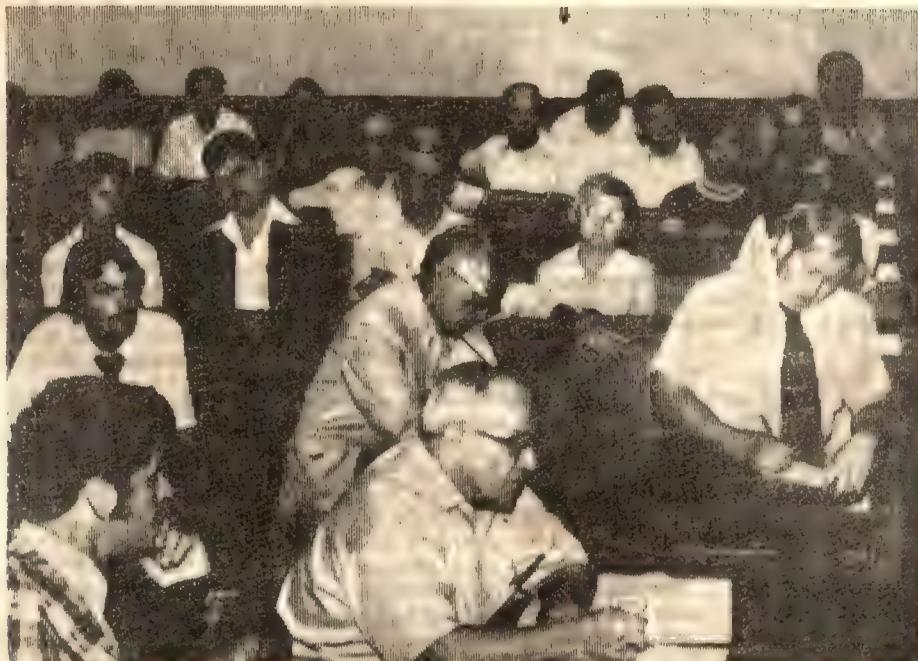
Council President Kenneth Thomas noted the council had lengthy discussions on the wage increases. He said the council had met at least six times in caucus, with the last one running over a half hour into the scheduled time for Wednesday's meeting, before an increase satisfactory to a majority of the councilmen was decided upon.

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SALARY INCREASE GIVEN—City police and firemen were given an equal \$500 across-the-board increase for next year in an amended ordinance passed by the Terre Haute City Council in a special meeting Wednesday night. Councilman William Jarvis is pictured above as he introduced an amendment to the original pay increase ordinance which changed the amount of the increase from 5.5 per cent of present salaries to the equal \$500 raise for all police and firemen. Wage committee spokesmen for the police and firemen had claimed the original ordinance with the 5.5 per cent increase would make the difference in pay for ranks too great. The council was split on the issue with Jarvis and four other councilmen, making a majority of the nine-member council, going for the equal increase.

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City Council to Review Budget

By COLEEN BLACKETER
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All of the Terre Haute City Councilmen contacted by The TRIBUNE Thursday expressed favorable reactions to the highlights of the proposed 1976 city budget as announced by Mayor William J. Brighton, but most of the councilmen reserved final judgment until they review the budget in detail with the mayor and city department heads.

Mayor Brighton announced in a morning news conference Wednesday that the \$6.1 million budget prepared by him and the city administration department heads would reduce city taxes for the third year in a row.

Included in that budget is a 29 cent cut in the tax rate along with a 9.3 per cent raise for city employees and payment of health insurance premiums for those employees. Provided for in the budget also is the \$500 across-the-board salary increase for city police and firemen of 1974.

men as approved by the City Council last week.

The budget breakdown is printed in the Legal Notices of today's edition of The TRIBUNE.

The City Council will be the first of three groups to review the budget for possible cuts or changes. After City Council approval of the budget, it will then be reviewed by the Vigo County Tax Review Board and the State Tax Board.

The tax rate may be reduced even more after the reviewing boards have finished with the budget. The reviewing agencies may not increase the budget, just reduce it.

Mayor Brighton pointed out the tax rate will probably be reduced more after the State Tax Board has met to determine what the city's assessed valuation for the 1976 budget will be, also. He said the budget was set on the assessed valuation of 1974.

"We are optimistic that the budget with a 29 cent cut in assessed valuation will have taxes," again increased," the mayor said.

Final word on the assessed valuation should be received by mid September.

Eight of the nine City Council men were contacted by The TRIBUNE for comment on the proposed budget. Councilman-at-large Thomas Lenahan was unavailable for comment.

The councilmen were all in favor of the salary increases along with the tax cut. Most of them pointed out though they wanted the chance to go over the budget in detail before making a solid commitment on it.

City Council President Kenneth Thomas said, "In these days of high prices and spiralling costs proposed one, Thomas said that, when many cities across the country are forced to lay off their budget further tax cuts city employees and police and may be added.

"I am glad the mayor could

not raise the budget above the

after council review of the pro-

posed budget, further tax cuts

city employees and police and may be added.

"I am pleased that the

mayor has submitted to the

find available money to give

council for further study a raises to these workers as well

as cut the taxes by 29 cents," First District Councilman Pete Chalos said.

Chalos said he had not had a chance to look at the budget yet Thursday morning since an item-to-item copy had not been available.

He pointed out too that the tax rate reduction may be increased or the budget changed after the budget is reviewed by the City Council, the County Tax Review Board and the State Tax Board.

Second District Councilman Etgene Trummel, the only Republican member of the City Council, said, "Of course, I am pleased when it looks like we can have a reduction in the tax rate."

"The whole council is on record for supporting a raise for all employees commensurate to that given to police and firemen," he added.

Trummel said he thought the percentage raise of 9.3 per cent

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sounded high compared to what he said the council had discussed earlier. He said he would hold any thoughts or criticisms though until he has had a chance to study the budget further.

"I am very happy the lower paid employees are getting this 9.3 per cent raise," Third District Councilman William Jarvis said. "For the past three or four years we have neglected this group and have been giving more money to the higher paid employees."

Jarvis, who is a major supporter for equal across-the-board pay raises, said he would have preferred an equal amount added to all employees' pay though.

He said the percentage raise will give the people with salaries of \$10,000 to \$12,000 now a raise of about \$1,000 while the ones with the salaries in the \$5,000 to \$8,000 range will get only about \$500.

If the increase money was spread out equally, Councilman Jarvis said it would have amounted to about a \$600 even increase for everyone.

"I am glad the mayor made the turn-around from last week when he said we couldn't afford the \$500 across-the-board increase given to police and firemen for everyone else, too," Jarvis said.

"Basically, I think this is a good thing and I'm for it, but I think it should be an equal increase for all," Jarvis summarized.

"I am extremely pleased and feel confident the citizens of Terre Haute are also that the mayor, controller and department heads have been able to propose a 1976 budget that will help relieve the tax burden and give all city employees a wage increase of which they are en-

titled to and which is overdue," Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser said.

Neaderhiser commented on the fact that the council had not yet seen the budget.

"Contrary to some opinions, myself or no other councilman to my knowledge have received a copy of the 1976 proposed budget, Neaderhiser said. "Verbally we were told the budget submitted to the controller by department heads would be based on a 5.5 per cent increase in salaries of regular city employees."

"Four other councilmen and myself felt that this percentage could be larger," Neaderhiser reported.

"I would make the recommendation that Terre Haute like practically every other city in Indiana should have a proposed budget submitted at least two months before the deadline for passage," Neaderhiser added. "This would give the council time to discuss and review with each department head his or her proposals.

"Future councils should insist upon this procedure and not be kept in the dark until the last moment," Neaderhiser concluded.

Sixth District Joseph Clark did not want to comment on the budget until he has had a chance for further study on it. He said he wanted to check the whole budget over with the mayor.

Councilman-at-large John S. Lamb said he was pleased with the mayor's announcement of the proposed budget.

"If the mayor can, as he said, give the wage increases and cut the taxes without cutting any services, I'd say he and the department heads have done a wonderful job of putting the budget together," Lamb said.

Lamb also said he wanted to reserve his final judgment until the council met with the mayor and department heads to go over the budget in more detail.

"I am pleased with the an-

nouncement though and judging from the mayor's past performance, he can do what he says," Lamb concluded.

Councilman-at-large Asa Malooley said, "I think the salary increase is great if we can afford to pay it; they need the money."

Malooley said the budget sounds "real good" and said the mayor is doing everything he can to keep the taxes down and at the same time give the workers a living wage.

"I agree with the mayor that they are underpaid and will go along with him on the increases if we have the money," Malooley said.

Malooley reported he was looking at the proposed budget "most favorably."

Garbage Contract Up for Vote

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
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The vote for approval of the city contract for garbage pick-up is expected to be opposed by at least one city councilman at the August meeting of the City Council Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom.

Pending approval is the contract between the city of Terre Haute and the Jamax Corporation for one year at a cost of \$428,794.

The contract has already been entered into by the Board of Public Works and Safety but must be approved by the City Council.

The contract figure of \$428,794 represents a \$35,802 increase over the amount for the 1975 contract at \$393,192.

The contract calls for door-to-door garbage pick-up, including service to apartments.

Most of the city councilmen indicated they would vote in favor of the contract with only Third District Councilman William Jarvis saying he was definitely against it.

Councilman Jarvis also voted against the current contract in a specially-called meeting Oct. 31, 1974, to ratify the contract which would provide for garbage collection starting the next day, Nov. 1.

The contract under consideration now provides garbage removal from Nov. 1, 1975, to Oct. 31, 1976.

Councilman Jarvis suggested the cost of the garbage collection by the Jamax Corporation is too high and could be done for less money by the city itself. He said the cost of garbage collection has almost doubled during the present administration.

He said the city could take care of its own garbage collection by purchasing its own equipment to pick up garbage and using some of the city employees or residents out of work to handle the operation.

Councilman Jarvis said the specifications spelled out regarding garbage collector's experience in the contract could easily be handled by city workers.

Jarvis, when casting his dissenting vote on the present contract said the Vigo County School Corporation started its own pick-up service two years ago and cut \$37,642 from that budget.

"If the city took over the garbage collection, we could save way over a hundred thousand dollars a year; actually we might save \$200,000 right now there is at least that much fat in the contract," Jarvis said.

"The argument is that other places spend \$700,000 or \$800,000 to do their own garbage removal," Jarvis said. He said the cost of dumping places are figured in that too where Terre Haute's is about \$200,000 on top of the garbage removal contract.

However, Indiana cities that have started their own garbage removal systems have run into mounting costs and are considering going back to contractual services, according to figures supplied by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns as requested by Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser.

Muncie, with a population of 80,587 (about 10,000 more than Terre Haute at 70,286), provides its own garbage collection by sanitary district employees and is considering a private contractor for 1976 because of increasing costs and problems.

The total cost for the collection in Muncie was \$800,000 for

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the \$428,794 set in the contract under consideration for Terre Haute for 1976. Separate figures on the costs of the disposal by private contractor were not provided.

Last October when The TRIBUNE contacted Claude Becktell, president of the Sanitary Commission of Muncie, for a comparison of costs for the 1975 contract, he said even though the city has had its own garbage collection service for many years, all of the problems have not been eliminated. He said on that day alone, five of the trash packers were broken down.

He quoted \$19,000 as the amount first allocated for repairs in the city service last year, but said that had already been used up and an additional \$20,000 had to be allocated. He added the city has to buy two new trash packers a year which cost about \$45,000 each.

These many problems and the estimated cost of over a million dollars for 1976 were listed as reasons why Muncie may go back to contracted garbage removal service as used in Terre Haute.

Another city using sanitary district employes to pick up garbage is Richmond, with a population of 43,999. In Richmond, the estimated cost for 1976 is \$1,523,232 as compared to the \$428,794 in Terre Haute with a population of over 15,000 more people. The cost for 1975 was \$883,265 compared to Terre Haute's \$392,192. Separate figures on the city-owned landfill were not provided.

Cities with populations comparable to Richmond, but lower costs for city operated garbage collection, are Lafayette and Kokomo. Lafayette, at a population of 44,955, had a cost of \$355,000 in 1975 with \$48,000 for disposal and anticipates the same cost in 1976. Kokomo, with 44,042 people, had a cost of \$282,877 in 1975 with \$62,000 for disposal but expects that cost to raise to \$306,350 in 1976 with \$70,000 for disposal by private contractor.

Comparing Terre Haute's cost for contractual garbage collection to Anderson which also has the contracted service for a comparable population, Terre Haute is expected to pay nearly \$200,000 less than Anderson in 1976.

Anderson, with a population of 70,787, has anticipated \$635,000 with \$150,000 for disposal by private contractor as the cost for the 1976 contracted collection. The 1975 cost was \$388,622.

Evansville, at a population of 138,764 which is nearly double Terre Haute's population, has estimated the cost for 1976 garbage collection by contract, as in Terre Haute, at over double the Terre Haute cost. The approximated cost for 1976 in Evansville has been set at a million dollars with no cost for disposal or city landfill, compared to Terre Haute's \$428,794. The 1975 cost was \$800,000 compared to Terre Haute's \$392,192.

Councilman Neaderhiser, who requested the information from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, said he did not see how the city could feasibly go into the trash hauling business, at least at the present time. He added it might be possible in the future, though. He said he would vote for the contract.

First District Councilman Pete Chalos said he had not decided yet on his vote but that he preferred a contract for more than one year as opposed to the one-year contracts previously signed.

Second District Councilman Eugene Trummel said he would probably vote for the contract since he has seen no substantial reason to go against it.

Council President Kenneth Thomas, of the Fifth District, indicated he would go for the contract also because he feels the present service is good.

"After checking over other cities and we are still on the low side, I think it looks good," Councilman-at-large Asa Maloley said referring to the contract. He would not definitely say how he would vote, though.

Councilman-at-large John S. "Pete" Lamb, saying he would vote to approve the contract, said he thinks the city is "getting a bargain."

Hint TH Council Will Approve \$428,794 For Trash Collection

Refuse and Refuse Disposal Community Affairs File

By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

Handle your garbage with care. It has doubled its value since 1968.

According to "good old day" prices, Terre Haute city taxpayers in 1968 paid private contractors \$224,000 to have garbage collected and removed from individual homes and businesses.

Approval of a special ordinance by the Terre Haute City Council this coming Thursday night and city taxpayers will be paying \$428,794 for garbage collection

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The ordinance is expected to be approved, although second district councilman Bill Jarvis will voice strong opposition to

the measure. Jarvis likes the "Do It Yourself" concept and believes the city can save money by organizing its own garbage collection program.

"Just like a lot of these street projects, our city employees are capable of handling the job instead of paving outrageous prices to private contractors," said Jarvis.

"I don't understand how the

taxpayers can stand back and take these escalated prices," exclaimed Jarvis.

A survey by The Star indicated the city paid \$224,000 for collection of garbage from 1968-72; \$325,000 from 1973-74; and \$393,192 in 1975. During the Ralph Tucker administration,

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the city signed a five-year contract with Hoosier Ash and Trash Co. and Gibson Service Co. The contract expired in 1973 during the Brighton administration, which later signed a two-year contract with Jamax Corporation. In 1975, the city again contracted with Jamax for one year.

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Councilman Jack Neaderhiser obtained statistics from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns and figures indicated Terre Haute was paying less for

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garbage collection than most cities of comparable size.

Neaderhiser said he would support the new contract, especially after comparing statistics for similar cities.

The Council is expected to get its first official look at the Terre Haute City Budget for 1976. The budget will probably be introduced and placed into committee for further study.

Other business will include a number of departmental money transfers, rezoning ordinances, and a special ordinance adopting the "unsafe building law."

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Budget to Be (T.H.) Council Topic

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City Council, (T.H.)

By WAYNE PERRY

Tribune Staff Writer

A \$6.1 million city budget, a garbage contract for nearly \$430,000, and several other items of major business will be considered by the Terre Haute City Council during a regular meeting Thursday evening.

The city budget, recently submitted by Mayor William Brighton, will undoubtedly be the prime concern of council members during the 7:30 p.m. session in the City Courtroom.

According to Brighton, the budget under consideration represents a 29 cent cut in the city tax rate for 1976, while still providing a 9.3 per cent salary increase and new health insurance benefits for city employees and a \$500 across-the-board increase for city police and firemen.

Brighton credited increased valuation from several areas, including the Fort Harrison Industrial Park (of which the city took control during the past year) and newly-available state revenue sharing money, as making the tax rate reduction possible with the raises for municipal employees.

The mayor has said that the tax rate possibly could even be reduced more after the State Tax Board has met to determine what the certified assessed valuation will be.

Final word on the State Tax Board decision should be heard by mid-September.

Miscellaneous revenue for the city is estimated to be up \$800,000 for 1976. Miscellaneous revenue is money taken in other than tax money and includes such areas as city court fines and fees, motor vehicle excise tax, state revenue sharing, and

state excise distribution.

Last year's miscellaneous revenue amounted to \$1.274 million, with the estimated amount for 1976 at \$2.077 million.

Besides miscellaneous funds gained through the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, state revenue sharing money is an important contributor. The Terre Haute share of state revenue sharing money will be \$338,000 in three allocations over the next 18 months.

The proposed 9.3 per cent increase for city employees along with the addition of a single membership health insurance premium payment of \$180 per year will amount to

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an average employee's salary increase of \$707.

As advertised, the budget includes \$6,100,663 for the General Fund, \$797,551 for the Street Fund, \$113,187 for the Bond Fund, \$460,609 for the Police Pension Fund, \$418,929 for the Park and Recreation Fund and \$143,320 for the Aviation Fund.

The proposed levies include \$3.59 for the General Fund, 27 cents for the Park and Recreation Fund, just under 10 cents for the Bond Fund and about 3.5 cents for the Police Pension Fund.

The total proposed levy is \$3.999.

The proposed budget will be submitted for first reading at the regular council meeting and will be voted on in a special meeting on Aug. 25.

A second major consideration for the councilmen is the vote for approval of the city contract for garbage pickup.

Pending approval is the contract between the city of Terre Haute and the Jamax Corporation for one year at a cost of \$428,794.

The contract has already been entered into by the Board of Public Works and Safety but must be approved by the City Council.

The figure represents a \$35,802 increase over the amount for the 1975 contract.

The agreement calls for door-to-door garbage pickup, including service to apartments.

Although most of the council members have said they would vote for the contract, Third District Councilman William Jarvis has said that he feels the cost is too high and could be done for less money by the city itself.

Other items of business for

the council are to include:

—A request for \$3,900 for game courts in neighborhood parks;

—Transfer of a total of \$45,800 for the police department;

—Appropriation of \$40,000 for school guard salaries.

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Council Approves Garbage Contract

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

A \$428,794 garbage collection contract for the city was approved by the City Council by an eight-to-one vote at the monthly meeting Thursday night.

The council also voted on three other special ordinances, one of those to zone property and the two others for traffic signs; an appropriation ordinance to fund school crossing guards, and several money transfer resolutions.

The most debated issue at the meeting, though, was the one-year garbage collection contract approval vote, with Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser defending his vote for approval of the contract and Third District Councilman William Jarvis, who cast the only dissenting vote, voicing his views against the approval.

The contract, at \$428,794, will provide garbage collection for the city from Nov. 1, 1975, to Oct. 31, 1976.

Councilman Neaderhiser quoted figures he had requested from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns which showed Terre Haute with a less expensive contract for garbage collection than the other second class cities in Indiana.

Estimated figures for 1976 for other cities with comparable service as provided in Terre Haute's contract were: Anderson (Population 70,787) — \$635,000 and Evansville (Population 138,764) — \$1,000,000.

For cities providing their own pick-up service (the suggestion of Councilman Jarvis for Terre Haute), the figures for other second class cities were: Kokomo (population 44,042) — \$306,750; Lafayette (population 44,955) — \$355,000; Muncie (population 80,587) — considering a return to contract service — \$900,636; and Richmond (population 43,999) — \$900,000.

All of those cities, on a population-to-collection cost basis, anticipate more expensive garbage collection for next year than Terre Haute, according to Councilman Neaderhiser.

Neaderhiser said the collection provided for by the Jamax Corporation in the contract would cost \$1.45 a month per home for the total 70,286 population of Terre Haute.

The Jamax Corporation has seven trucks in use daily with two trucks on standby and employees work about 10 hours a day in the pick-up service, Neaderhiser said.

For Terre Haute to go into its own garbage collection, it would initially cost about \$500,000, Neaderhiser said.

He said seven trucks and one spare (which have life expectancies of three years, and would take six months or more for delivery) would cost about \$200,000; about 21 men to run the trucks, a supervisor, a mechanic, two garmen and garage facilities would cost, at a low estimate, \$175,000 a year; gas, tires, hydraulic oil, batteries, would cost about \$100,000 a year; and insurance and fringe benefits would cost about \$15,000 a year. Neaderhiser said he also checked with another company that was going to bid on the contract but missed the deadline for submitting its bid and found out that company would have set its price for the one-year collection \$4,000 higher than the Jamax bid.

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Councilman Jarvis, who indicated the garbage collection cost for the city had doubled during the present administration, said it was "hard to believe the costs could have gone up that fast."

Jarvis said he felt the costs could be kept down if the bids were received on a "realistic basis" like three year periods.

Jarvis claimed the city could save \$200,000 by taking over its own garbage collection.

Answering the figures given by Neaderhiser of more expensive costs elsewhere, Jarvis said, "You can prove anything with figures if you want to."

Jarvis cast the only dissenting vote against the contract approval. He also voted against the contract for the current garbage pick-up which was approved in a specially-called meeting on Oct. 31, 1974, to ratify the contract to take effect the next day.

First District Councilman Pete Chalos and Sixth District Councilman Joseph Clark voted for the contract approval but said they felt the contract should be for a longer period than one year.

In other old business voted on during the meeting, two traffic sign ordinances were approved. They were for the erection of stop signs at 19th and Grant streets and yield signs for north and south traffic at 5th and Lincoln.

The property at 1505 Fort Harrison Road was rezoned from a single family residential to a neighborhood commerce with a unanimous vote of the council. The property is to be used for a delicatessen.

An ordinance to appropriate \$40,000 for school crossing guard salaries was also approved unanimously.

Several money transfers within departments were approved at Thursday night's meeting.

Three resolutions for transfers totalling \$45,800 were approved for the police department.

Chief of Police James Swift sent an explanation of the transfers to the councilmen.

He said the money was needed for the following: \$5,000 for 10 new police officers to be added in October; \$20,000 for garage and motor supplies (to cover increased costs and nine unforeseen accidents); \$15,000 for gasoline (to cover a 25 per cent cost increase this year); \$1,000 for tires and tubes (no increase asked for in this area in 1975 budget but needed for new patrol cars); \$2,500 for telephone (to cover a 32 per cent rate increase in 1975); \$500 for institutional and medical supplies to cover costs which have doubled in the past six months); and \$500 for photographic supplies to cover extra work of taking

pictures of accidents to protect from lawsuits).

The fire department had two transfers approved: \$5,440 to cover increased costs and \$500 for travel expenses.

An \$8,000 transfer in the street department was okayed by the council, also. The transfer included \$5,000 for materials and \$3,000 for repair parts.

Five resolutions totaling \$1,700 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for repairs were approved.

Park department money transfer resolutions were \$1,300 for supplies and \$200 for repair parts.

The City Clerk's office had two money transfer resolutions appropriated \$300 for increased costs of supplies and \$200 for increased telephone service costs.

In new business, assigned to the committee of the whole for a vote anticipated in a specially-called meeting on Aug. 25 was the city budget for 1976. An ordinance fixing the tax levy for the city for 1975, payable in 1976, was also assigned to the committee of the whole.

Other new business included two appropriation ordinances assigned to the finance committee. They were \$3,900 for game courts in neighborhood parks and \$4,700 for the city court judge.

Assigned to the public property, capital improvements and zoning committee were special ordinances for rezoning at 1701 Hulmen St., 700 to 730 N. 39th St., 1609 Lafayette Ave. and 2949 S. 5th St.

A special ordinance for a stop sign at 29th and Linden was assigned to the traffic committee.

An ordinance adopting an unsafe building law for the city was assigned to the public health, safety and welfare committee.

All of the city councilmen were present for the meeting Thursday night.

TH Council Calls Session To Consider 1976 Budget

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Community Affairs File

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

A special City Council meeting has been called for Monday night by Mayor William J. Brighton with the primary action to be consideration of the 1976 budget recently submitted by the mayor.

The council has been reviewing the budget and it is ex-

pected to cut it in some areas. By law, the budget must be finalized and approved by the end of August.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the City Courtroom at City Hall.

If the council trims the budget, the proposed tax rate of \$4, which is a drop of 29 cents compared to last year's rate, could be dropped even lower.

The tax rate is to be cut since the council can only lower the budget and not add to it, even though the proposed \$6.1 million budget is \$31,485 more than the 1975 budget.

Added to the 1976 budget are 9.3 per cent salary increases along with insurance benefits for city employees; \$500 across-the-board salary increases for all police and firemen; and salary boosts for the mayor, city clerk, city court judge and city councilmen.

The City Council has been meeting in caucus with department heads going over each section of the budget.

Reported possible areas for trimming in the budget are in the Department of Redevelopment and the city judge budgets. A possible \$20,000 may be cut from the redevelopment budget due to operating assistance money available from the federal government and new funds anticipated. A request for \$7,500 for a civilian court bailiff instead of the bailiff now supplied by the Police Department is not expected to be approved either, according to reports.

City Council President Kenneth Thomas refused to comment on budget areas in which cuts are anticipated. Councilman Thomas pointed out the council still has a caucus meeting scheduled to discuss the budget and the cuts are not final.

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Mayor Brighton accredited the proposed 29 cent tax rate cut to income from the recently city-acquired Fort Harrison Industrial Park and newly-available state revenue sharing funds.

"One of the contributing factors is that the city's miscellaneous revenue is up since we have now taken over the control of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park," Mayor Brighton said. "This has been one of our aims over the last four years because we knew it would economically benefit the taxpayers of the community plus add substantially to the assessed valuation."

Mayor Brighton recently reported he expects the city will have sold a million dollars worth of property in the Industrial Park by the end of the year.

The city's miscellaneous fund will also have \$338,000 of state revenue sharing funds added which were not available before this year, the mayor added.

The state legislature passed a revenue sharing bill for local government this year in which \$24 million will be distributed in three allocations over the next 18 months.

Besides a possible cut in the tax rate due to budget trimming by the City Council, Mayor Brighton pointed out he expects the tax rate could be cut again after the assessed valuation of the city has been determined.

Mayor Brighton said the 1976 tax rate was established according to the assessed valuation of the last two years. The mayor said he is optimistic the assessed valuation will have again increased.

The State Tax Board will determine the assessed valuation. Final word from the board is expected by mid-September.

Proposed salaries for city employees are:

Secretary to the Mayor, \$9,290.00; Deputy City Controller, \$9,904.00; Secretary to Controller, \$6,194.00; Bookkeeper-City Controller, \$6,194.00; Clerk-City Controller, \$6,194.00; Secretary to City Judge, \$6,558.00; Barrett Law Clerk, \$5,895.00; Board of Examining Engineers (3) ea., \$240.00; Board of Electrical Engineers (3) ea., \$60.00; Board of Plumbing Engineers (3) ea., \$60.00; Deputy City Clerk, \$6,878.00; Assistant Deputy Clerk, \$6,194.00; Assistant Deputy Clerk, \$6,194.00; Assistant Deputy Clerk, \$6,194.00.

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Deputy City Attorney, \$9,916.00; Secretary to City Attorney, \$6,918.00; Clerk-Board of Public Works & Safety, \$6,194.00; Assistant Clerk-Board of Public Works & Safety, \$5,246.00; Salary-Deputy Engineer, \$9,022.00; Secretary to Engineer, \$6,194.00; Engineering Aid Grade 1, \$7,593.00; Engineering Aid Grade 2, \$6,641.00; Engineering Aid Grade 2, \$6,641.00; Engineering Aid Grade 3, \$6,045.00; Chief Bldg. & Zoning Inspector, \$8,279.00; Chief Housing Inspector, \$8,040.00; Assistant Building & Zoning Inspector, \$7,235.00; Assistant Building & Zoning Inspector, \$6,468.00; Electrical Inspector, \$7,890.00; Plumbing Inspector, \$7,890.00; Clerk Typist Inspection Dept., \$6,194.00; Superintendent of Buildings, \$6,071.00; Custodians (3) ea., \$5,867.00; Maintenance Man, \$5,867.00; Supt. Weights & Measures, \$8,000.00.

Park & Rec. Director of Maintenance, \$8,880.00; Park & Rec. Director of Recreation, \$8,880.00; Secretary, Park & Recreation, \$6,194.00; Manager—Rea Park, \$7,409.00; Manager—Deming Park, \$7,409.00; Manager—Dobbs Park, \$7,409.00; Manager—Coffelt Park, \$7,409.00; Park Board Members (4) ea., \$300.00; Superintendent of Airport, \$10,373.00; Clerk-Airport, \$6,194.00; Field Foreman, \$6,461.00; Field Attendants (4) ea., \$6,267.00; Mechanic, \$7,410.00; Janitor-Airport, \$5,746.00; Superintendent of Streets, \$9,800.00; Radio Technician—Street Dept., \$5,765.00; Superintendent of Cemetery, \$8,195.00; Assistant Supt. of Cemetery, \$7,950.00; Clerk to Cemetery, \$6,194.00.

Salaries earlier approved by the City Council for police and firemen are:

Police — patrolman less than one year), \$7,180; patrolman (more than one year), \$8,581; detective, \$9,214; sergeant, \$9,812; lieutenant, \$10,453; and captain and assistant chief, \$11,870

Firemen—Private (less than one year), \$7,180; private (more than one year), \$8,581; lieutenant, \$9,214; fire alarm system operator, \$9,812; captain, \$10,480; mechanic, \$11,138; assistant chief of fire alarm alarm system, \$11,138; chief of fire alarm system, \$11,870; and assistant chief, \$11,870.

Elected officials salary increases in the budget are: mayor, \$12,000 to \$22,000 (with a sewage disposal salary extra); city clerk, \$7,500 to \$15,000; city judge, \$7,500 to \$16,000; and city councilmen, \$1,800 to \$2,500.

An ordinance fixing the tax levy is to be considered Monday night, also. The present rate of \$4.29 will be adjusted according to the final budget, with at least the 29-cent reduction proposed in Mayor Brighton's budget.

An appropriation ordinance for the street department of \$300,000 will be introduced at the meeting. The money is to be used for the purchase of resurfacing material, including asphalt, chip and seal aggregate and slurry seal. The ordinance is sponsored by Councilman Jack Neaderhiser.

The council will hear second reading and vote on an ordinance adopting the Unsafe Building Law. The law passed by the 1973 state legislature, is more practical than existing building codes and provides smoother and more efficient administration of matters relating to unsafe buildings, according to Council President Thomas, who is sponsoring the bill.

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34.67 Cents from Rate

The Terre Haute City Council plus insurance benefits, a \$500 top of the Department of Redevelopment across-the-board salary envelopment, explained that he increase for city police and firemen, and substantial pay increases for the mayor, city will fund some of the activities judge, city clerk and city councilmen.

The budget was passed by an eight-to-one vote in a specially-called meeting of the council for the express purpose of considering the budget.

The only dissenting vote came from Second District Councilman C. Eugene Trummel, the lone Republican on the council.

The tax rate decrease was available even though the new budget has a general fund of \$6,059,358, which is \$490,000 more than the 1975 budget.

Mayor William J. Brighton said the decrease in the tax rate is possible despite the increased budget because of an increased miscellaneous revenue fund.

He said this fund has been increased by the purchase of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, for which the city is receiving money from selling property. The mayor has estimated a million dollars' worth of property will be sold there by the end of the year.

Also, the mayor said state revenue sharing money has been added to the budget, for the first time this year, which will amount to \$350,000 for Terre Haute over the next 18 months.

Mayor Brighton had submitted a budget put together by him, the City Controller Joan Hetherington and the department heads for the administration which allowed for a 31 cent tax rate cut.

The tax cut was allowed along with new salary increases, including a 9.3 per cent increase for all city employees.

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Court Bailiff is presently supplied by the Police Department. In another cut in that budget, \$1,000 was cut off of salaries temporary.

In other budget reductions: \$1,200 was cut from the Legal Department for a summer law clerk; \$2,500 was cut from the City Hall for service contractual; \$1,500 was cut from the Engineering Department for motor equipment; \$4,000 was cut from the Fire Department from clothing, other supplies and other equipment; \$1,100 was taken from the Fire Alarm budget for other material, office equipment and other equipment; and \$625 was taken from the budget of Human Relations.

Councilman Trummel who voted against the budget, said his overall objection was that he felt the council had been misinformed when allotting a \$500 across-the-board pay increase to city police and firemen. Councilman Trummel claimed the council was led to believe not enough money would be available to give all city employees \$500 across-the-board raises as given to the police and firemen, when the other employees actually ended up getting 9.3 per cent increases along with insurance benefits paid.

Mayor Brighton, who also attended Monday night's meeting, replied to Trummel that what the council had been told was that at the time those salaries had been set, it was not known what funds were available for pay increases.

Councilman-at-large Tom Lenahan and Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser supported the mayor. They said the council had only been informed that other pay raises could not be assured because, when the police and foremen salaries were set, it was not known what money was available.

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First District Councilman Pete Chalos pointed out that after he introduced an initial ordinance calling for a 5.5 percent pay increase for police and firemen, all the negotiating teams had asked for were even across-the-board pay increases instead of the percentage increases. He said it was up to the negotiators to ask for more money.

Trummel and Third District Councilman William Jarvis agreed that they felt the same theme of across-the-board pay increases for all city employees should have been carried through. Councilman Jarvis said it was not fair for those in the top pay brackets now to get greater raises.

The final vote on the budget was eight in favor with one opposing vote, that the vote of Councilman Trummel.

Explaining his vote, though, Councilman Jarvis said it was a "hard proposition" for him to vote in favor of the budget because he felt there still was "too much fat" in it, but he did vote yes.

Councilman-at-large John S. "Pete" Lamb and Fourth District Councilman Neaderheiser explained they did not agree on all items in the budget, but they did agree with the majority of the budget.

Council President Kenneth Thomas told The TRIBUNE later he was pleased with the budget. He explained the council had spent many hours going over the budget line-by-line. He commended the department heads for doing a "real good job" in preparing their budgets.

Thomas added: "We cut the budget where we could and still maintain the same fine services the people of Terre Haute are accustomed to."

After the vote, Mayor Brighton commended the councilmen for their work in adding to the original 31-cent tax cut he had proposed to make the total tax cut over the present rate 34.67 cents.

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Resurfacing city streets was the key topic of discussion Thursday night by the Terre Haute City Council, which passed by a 7-2 vote, a \$300,000 street repair appropriation.

Councilmen Eugene Trummel and William Jarvis both voiced strong criticism in the "planning" used, or not used, for the street resurfacing program. Trummel and Jarvis both cast dissenting votes on the appropriation ordinance.

During discussion prior to voting on the \$300,000 street repair appropriation, Republican councilman Trummel stated, "I am opposed to this same ordinance, because this is the same problem we have had twice before: a substantial appropriation ordinance without a detailed plan of what is to be done. I think when an appropriation of this size is submitted I feel a detailed plan should be submitted, not only for the council's understanding, but the general public should know what's going on, also."

Trummel added, "Secondly, as a mechanical situation, it seems impossible to spend this money unless we spend it before contracts are let, which I feel is wrong."

First District councilman, Pete Chalos, differed with resurfaced recently and pointed many streets have been resurfaced with the money (\$500,000)

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appropriated by the council a few months ago. Chalos cited example of streets having been resurfaced recently and pointed out he will prepare a list of streets in his district to be submitted for resurfacing consideration with the newly appropriated \$300,000.

Jarvis said he was opposed to the bill primarily because he was "told by the mayor if any councilman voted against the street resurfacing ordinance nothing would be done in their district."

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"Now I definitely want to get everything done in my district, but I don't think the people in the Third District elected me to be a rubber stamp to anyone. I'm not going to bow down and kiss anybody's shoes and that's what it amounts to," Jarvis claimed.

Pete Lamb, councilman-at-large, said the City Council went "on record" a couple years ago suggesting "every dollar we could find be used for street resurfacing, the city's No. 1 priority." Lamb said he knows the money is being spent "where and how" and he has a list of streets ready to be submitted for consideration in the city's street resurfacing program.

Chalos and councilman Jack Neaderhiser pointed out the State Board of Accounts can revert federal revenue sharing money, not used this resurfacing season, back into the proper funds.

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In other business, the council passed a \$3,900 appropriation for more game courts in Terre Haute city parks. Many city neighborhood parks have been enhanced with construction of the new courts.

An appropriation request submitted by City Court Judge Frank P. Crawford, was amended and then passed unanimously. The judge had asked for additional monies for telephone expenses, salaries for special judges and \$2,500 for a civilian bailiff. The council deleted the request for the bailiff and passed a \$2,200 appropriation for the other expenses.

The council also made the following decisions:

—Rezoned property at 700-730 N. 39th Street.

—Passed an ordinance to provide stop signs at 29th and Linden streets.

—Rezoned property at 1609 Lafayette Ave.

—Rezoned property at 2949 S. 5th St.; property to be used as boutique shoppe.

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New business introduced included a \$25,000 appropriation for renovation of Dobbs Park. The money, if appropriated, will be coupled with an earlier \$31,000 appropriation for construction of a nature center.

Also introduced on first reading was a special ordinance prohibiting the keeping, housing, or maintaining of any live fowl within the city limits of Terre Haute. The council had been confronted by a local resident who complained fowls in his neighborhood were public nuisances, but there was no ordinance prohibiting fowls to be kept within the city limits of Terre Haute.

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City Council to Consider Appropriation Ordinances

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The Terre Haute City Council is expected to vote on two appropriation ordinances. A special ordinance concerning the keeping of live fowls in the city Coilett Park, and several traffic and rezoning special ordinances at the monthly meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom.

The two appropriation ordinances are for the Park and Recreation Department. One ordinance would appropriate \$25,000 to be added to an earlier \$31,000 for the change of

Dobbs Park into a nature center. The second appropriation ordinance is for \$3,250 for the renovation of the pavilion at

parking zone on certain sections of streets, and the rezoning of property at 1519 Mahan St.

Up for first reading under new business, other appropriation ordinances request \$2,000 for the Board of Works and Safety, \$2,165 for the Insurance Department, \$1,000 for the controller's office and \$12,000 for the Infant Care Feeding Program.

Other special ordinances call for the erection of the following signs north and south bound at Garfield and Carl avenues, north and south bound at 12th Street and Carl Avenue, and east and west bound at Sixth and Beech streets.

Additional special ordinances provide for the installation of an automatic electric flasher light at 25th and Beech streets, the erection of stop signs at 10th and Putnam streets, the removal of stationary stop signs at 12th Street and Carl Avenue, the establishment of one-hour

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Terre Haute Council Rules Against Fowl Ordinance

By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council defeated a special ordinance at the monthly meeting Thursday night that would have prohibited the keeping, housing or maintaining of any live fowl by private residents within the city limits.

The ordinance had been introduced by Councilman William Jarvis after a citizen appeared at a recent meeting complaining of a neighbor's chickens. The citizen said the chickens were a health nuisance. He also played a tape recording of the noise the chickens make in his neighborhood.

Councilman John S. "Pete" Lamb, chairman of the council's Public Health and Sanitation Committee which reported unfavorably on the ordinance, reported there are already sufficient state laws regarding health nuisances. He said he discussed the matter with County Health Department officials who said they could handle such complaints. He said Prosecuting Attorney Michael Kearns also reported his department would investigate such a matter if it proved to be a public nuisance.

The ordinance was voted down by a two-to-seven vote, with Councilmen Jarvis and Eugene Trummler voting for it.

A special ordinance creating a one hour parking zone in certain areas of the 12 Points area was approved unanimously by the council.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, sponsor of the ordinance, explained the merchants in the 12 Points area had requested the one-hour parking in an effort to renovate the area and stimulate more business there. The 12 Points area was formerly a major business area of the city but in recent years much business trade has shifted to other locations.

Two appropriation ordinances for the Park and Recreation Department were approved.

One ordinance appropriated \$25,000 to be added to \$31,000 already appropriated by the council for the renovation of Dobbs Park into a nature center. Park and Recreation Supt. Pat Dougherty explained the lowest bid on the project had been \$41,237 and that some additional money over that would be needed for moving maintenance equipment and buildings from Dobbs Park to a new centralized area in Deming Park.

Also approved for the Park and Recreation Department was \$3,250 for sandblasting, painting and new gutters on the pavilion at Collett Park.

Traffic special ordinances approved were for the placement of stop signs at 10th and Putnam streets, 6th and Beech streets, 12th Street and Carl Avenue, and Garfield and Carl avenues. For the stop signs at the last two locations, removal of already existing stop signs at 12th and Carl Avenue and Carl Avenue and Garfield Avenue was approved. The installation of an automatic electric flasher light at 25th and Beech

streets was approved also.

The council approved the rezoning of property at 1519 Mahan Street from heavy industrial to mobile home.

Rules were suspended for the passage of two special ordinances listed under new business which normally would have been up for first reading and assignment to committee only.

Passed was an ordinance to erect automatic traffic signals at 4th and Poplar streets. The councilmen explained the money for a resignalization project on Poplar had been approved by the council but a separate ordinance required by law to approve the new signal had not been passed. The rules were suspended to approve the ordinance because the light has already been installed with the rest of the resignalization work.

The second special ordinance passed under suspension of the rules was an ordinance approving the sale of real estate in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park to Ivy Hill Communications, Inc. The council explained the company, which is buying about 13 acres of land for an industry which will eventually support approximately 300 new jobs, had to have the sale completed to meet their deadlines.

Fourteen resolutions for the transfer of funds within departments were approved amounting to a total transfer of \$24,782.61, including: \$9,000 for the Street Department, \$4,700 for Capital Improvements, \$2,000 for the Fire Department, \$900 for Deputy Engineering and Building Inspector Department, \$110 for the Controller's Office, \$282.61 for the Aviation Department and \$6,790 for the Park and Recreation Department.

New business assigned to the finance committee included appropriation ordinances of: \$21,000 for the Board of Works and

Safety, \$2,165 for the Insurance Department, \$1,000 for the Controller's office, \$12,000 for the Infant Care Feeding Program and \$5,000 for the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Ordinances for the rezoning of property at the northwest corner of 7th and Oak streets, 2750 Margaret Ave. and 1705 N. 30th St. were assigned to the capital improvements, public property and zoning committee.

Assigned to the traffic committee for study were ordinances for stop signs at 4th and Hancock, stop signs at 6½ and Indiana Avenue, stop signs at 9th and Lockport Road and four-way stop signs at 27th and Crust.

All nine councilmen and about 65 spectators attended the 90-minute meeting.

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Cemeteries Get \$21,000 Of \$41,165 OK'd By Council

By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Five appropriations totaling \$41,165 were passed Thursday night by the Terre Haute City Council, including a \$12,000 gift to the Vigo County Nurses Association for their infant care feeding program.

The \$12,000 appropriation represents the third consecutive donation to the needy program by the City Council. Earlier appropriations, all taken from federal revenue sharing trust funds, totaled \$20,000.

"This money is used to help the association purchase formula for babies whose parents are financially incapable. This is a people helping people program and this is something the City Council stands for," said Thomas Lenahan, city councilman-at-large.

Other appropriations passed in the post-election meeting were \$5,000 for demolition and clean-up projects overseen by the Board of Public Works and Safety, a \$1,000 appropriation for the City Controller's office to pay bills for city legal notices, and \$2,165 for insurance on Hyte Community Center.

The largest appropriation the "city fathers" passed Thursday night was a \$21,000 grant to the city cemetery department. The money appropriated is to be used to defray additional labor costs at city cemeteries.

Considerable debate was given to a rezoning ordinance which reclassified property at 2750 Margaret Ave from single residential to mobile home conditional use. The ordinance

passed unanimously, but not before questions by Third District councilman Bill Jarvis and legal opinion by City Attorney B. Michael McCormick.

The property owner petitioning for the zoning change entered a covenant in the deed which stated only one mobile home would be placed on the considered property. Jarvis questioned the validity of the deed, stating he "wanted to be assured the property owner would legally abide by the covenant."

McCormick said the property owner was legally bound by the "one mobile home only" covenant. For legal purposes, the City Council attached the warranty deed to the rezoning ordinance and passed the measure unanimously.

Ordinances to erect stop signs at 27th and Craft Streets, 6½ Street and Indiana Avenue, 9th Street and Lockport Road, and 4th and Hancock Streets were approved by the council.

Other business included passage of an ordinance rezoning property at 1705 N. 30th St. from single residential to mobile home conditional use and approval of a resolution transferring \$1,000 from the Fort Harrison Industrial Park Department's insurance account to railroad account. The money is to be used to repair railroad tracks at the industrial site.

The council considered 16 money transfers at Thursday night's meeting, including five each for the aviation and park departments.

Aviation department money transfers were necessary to pay expenses for telephone, repair equipment, repairs and services, repair parts, attorney fees, fieldmen salaries, household supplies, office supplies, other supplies, other material and other equipment accounts. The total amount transferred equaled \$11,222.87.

Park department money transfers totaled \$6,345 and were used in insufficient accounts of repair parts, telephone, salaries temporary, gasoline and supplies.

Other transfers approved included Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$200; City Clerk Office, \$66.80; Cemetery Department, two transfers totaling \$6,375; Fire Department, \$2,000; and Deputy Engineer Building Inspector Department, \$1,800.

New business introduced at Thursday's council session included rezoning ordinances for 2904 N. 6th St. and property on Eighth Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets on southside.

Also receiving first reading were ordinances to install stop signs at 29th and Oak streets and yield signs at 24th and Buckeye streets.

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Council Approves Additional Funds

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By CAROL THORLTON
Tribune Staff Writer

A total of \$12,000 to the Vigo County Nurses Association for the infant care feeding program was included in five appropriations totaling \$41,165 passed by the Terre Haute City Council Thursday evening.

The appropriated gift is used to help the association purchase formula for babies whose parents are financially incapable and represents the third consecutive donation to the program by the City Council.

A total of \$20,000 taken from federal revenue sharing trust funds accounted for earlier appropriations.

A \$21,000 request by the city cemetery department was the largest appropriation passed at the meeting. The money is to be used to defray additional labor costs at city cemeteries.

Other appropriations passed included \$5,000 for demolition and clean-up projects overseen by the Board of Public Works and Safety, a \$1,000 appropriation for the City Controller's office to pay bills for city legal notices, and \$2,165 for insurance on Hyte Community Center.

A rezoning ordinance which reclassified property at 2750 Margaret Ave. from single residential to mobile home conditional use was debated for a considerable amount of time. Questions by Third District councilman Bill Jarvis and legal opinion by City Attorney B. Michael McCormick were voiced before the ordinance was passed.

The property owner petitioning for the zoning change entered a covenant in the deed which stated only one mobile home would be placed on the property.

Sixteen money transfers were passed by the City Council including five each for the aviation and park departments.

Aviation department money transfers totaling \$11,222.87 were made to pay expenses for telephone, repair equipment, repairs and services, repair parts, attorney fees, fieldmen salaries, household supplies, office supplies, and

other supplies, material and equipment accounts.

Park Department money transfers totaled \$6,345 and were used in insufficient accounts of repair parts, telephone, salaries temporary, gasoline and supplies.

The remainder of transfers approved included Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$200; City Clerk's Office, \$66.80; Cemetery Department, two transfers totaling \$6,375; Fire Department, \$2,000; and \$1,800 Deputy Engineer Building Inspector Department.

Ordinances to erect stop signs at 27th and Cruff Sts., 6½ St. and Indiana Ave., 9th St. and Lockport Rd., and 4th and Hancock Sts. were approved by the council.

Other business included passage of an ordinance rezoning property at 1705 N. 30th St. from single residential to mobile home conditional use and approval of a resolution transferring \$1,000 from the Fort Harrison Industrial Park Department's insurance account to railroad account.

The money is to be used to repair railroad tracks at the industrial park site.

New business introduced at the council meeting included rezoning ordinances for 2904 N. 6th St. and property on 8th Ave. between 6th and 7th Sts. on the southside.

Also receiving first reading were ordinances to install stop signs at 29th and Oak Sts. and yield signs at 24th and Buckeye Sts.

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TH Council Plans Special Meeting

By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

A special meeting of the Terre Haute City Council is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday and topic of discussion is to be a rezoning ordinance, which if passed, will clear the way for construction of Union Hospital's family practice residence center.

Union Hospital officials have indicated the new facility is to be completed by July, 1976.

The City Council must pass a rezoning ordinance calling for the reclassification of property on the southside of Eighth Avenue between Sixth and Center streets, the north-south alley between Center and Center streets and also the eastside of Center Street.

Considered property is currently zoned two-family residential, R-2, but before construction can begin, the property must be rezoned to

limited community commercial district, C-2.

A City Hall spokesman said the urgent passage of the rezoning ordinance is needed so contractors can begin digging the footing for the proposed family practice residence center.

The City Council introduced the rezoning ordinance at its Nov. 14 meeting. President Kenneth Thomas is author of the zoning measure.

The family practice residence center is to comprise 6,500 square feet, is to house 12 examining rooms, three consultation rooms, two minor surgical rooms, a laboratory and an x-ray department. A separate area is to be used for patient education, a library, resident work area and a lunch room.

Basic goals of the family practice residency program are to provide more primary-care physicians, new techniques in comprehensive health care and progressive teaching-learning environment within Terre Haute's medical community.

Four doctors, who have completed at least four years of medical school, are to be selected for the three-year residency program at the center. The first class is to be named next March.

Patients at the center will consist of referrals from the Union Hospital emergency area, walk-ins from the community at large and referrals from area doctors who are no longer accepting new patients.

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Property Rezoned
By City Council**

The Terre Haute City Council met in special session Monday night to pass an ordinance to rezone property at Seventh and Oak streets.

Special Ordinance 46 provided for the rezoning of the Seventh and Oak streets property from an apartment zoning to a commercial zoning. Councilman John S. "Pete" Lamb sponsored the ordinance.

The ordinance corrected the zoning on the property since it had been used for several years as a service station and is intended to be used as a commercially again, according to the petition for rezoning. The property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Mace.

The special meeting was completed in less than 10 minutes.

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Council Supports North Band Plan For Holiday Trip

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

The last regular monthly meeting for 1975 of the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night went smoothly and quickly with only one rezoning ordinance receiving debate.

The meeting was attended by a large group from North Vigo High School's Patriot Band for which the council passed a resolution, commending the band for its achievement and upcoming participation in the Orange Bowl festivities in Miami, Fla.

The council also took time to honor Councilman Asa Malooley who was celebrating a birthday. The councilman was presented with a cake and "Happy Birthday" was sung to him by his fellow council members and the audience.

The special ordinance for rezoning which did receive debate from the members of the council and concerned persons in the audience was for the rezoning of property at 1701 Hulman St. from a two-family residence classification to a mobile home use.

The intent of the owner of the property is reportedly to make the three-acre area there into a mobile home park. A petition was presented from 33 residents in the area who were opposed to rezoning.

The ordinance was defeated six votes to one, with the understanding by the person submitting the request for rezoning that he could re-submit the request after the council approves a special ordinance amending the present mobile home ordinance. That ordinance, which was up for first reading Thursday and should be voted on in the January meeting, places more restrictions on the location of mobile homes.

The council passed unanimously two ordinances for the erection of traffic signs: stop signs at 29th and Oak streets and yield signs at 24th and Buckeye streets.

Two appropriation ordinances were stricken from the records because the council, if approving the ordinances, could not get the appropriations approved by the State Board of Accounts before the end of the year. The ordinances, one for \$71,500 for Fire Department salaries and another for \$40,000 for remodeling and addition to the Hulman Field terminal building, are to be re-introduced next year.

A resolution which was to be introduced for first reading Thursday on the establishment of an airport authority is to be introduced later instead. Council President Kenneth Thomas reported the resolution will be re-written.

Other new business receiving first reading included: an ordinance amending the rules and regulations governing the City Council; an ordinance authorizing the sale of Fort Harrison Industrial Park property to the Illiana Commercial Warehouse and Development Corporation and the ordinance to amend the mobile home ordinance.

Several resolutions allowing for the transfer of money within city departments were approved by the council Thursday, including: \$70 for the City Controller's Department, \$200 for the Common Council, \$390 for the Mayor's Office, \$13 for the Cemetery Department, \$8,393 for the Street Department, \$1,340 for the Park and Recreation Department, \$2,432 for the Legal Department, and \$225 for the City Hall Department.

Seven of the nine councilmen attended Thursday's meeting. At the meeting were President Thomas, Fifth District; Eugene Trummel, Second District; William Jarvis, Third District; Jack Neaderhiser, Fourth District; Joe L. Clark, Sixth District; and Councilmen-at-large Thomas H. Lenahan and Asa Malooley. Absent were First District Councilman Pete Chalos and Councilman-at-large John S. "Pete" Lamb.

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John S. 'Pete' Lamb Elected New President of T.H. City Council

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council elected John S. "Pete" Lamb as the 1976 president in a special meeting Monday night.

Sixth District Councilman Lamb won the president's seat with a six to three vote margin over First District Councilman Pete Chalos.

Asa Malooley, councilman-at-large, was unanimously elected the vice-president of the council.

The special meeting of the council for election of officer is scheduled for the first Monday of the new year by state law. The regular January meeting of the council is to be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom.

Lamb replaces Fifth District Council Kenneth Thomas, who served as president of the council for the last two years.

Malooley, takes over the council vice presidency spot from Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser.

Council President Lamb is beginning his third term as a city councilman. He served his first term from 1956 to 1959. He was elected again for the 1972 to 1975 term and then re-elected for the next four years in the fall general election. He

won the Sixth District Council spot in the last election but during the previous council term he served as a councilman-at-large.

Vice President Malooley was re-elected for his second consecutive term as councilman-at-large in the Nov. 4 general election. His election as councilman-at-large in 1971 was his first elected office.

Attending his first council meeting in an official capacity Monday night was newly-elected Councilman-at-large Larry W Kirchner.

Kirchner, 27, is the only councilman out of the nine who was not an incumbent. He has been active in Democrat politics in Terre Haute for the last several years, though.

During Monday's meeting, the work of Fifth District Councilman Thomas during his two years as council president and his last four years as a councilman was praised by Second District Councilman C. Eugene Trummel.

President Lamb announced the appointment of council committees would be postponed until the council acted on an ordinance which proposes a change in the make-up and number of the council committees.

That special ordinance was up for first

reading at the December meeting of the council and is to be voted on in the January meeting Thursday night. The ordinance was placed in the election rules committee of the council for consideration and recommendations to the whole council. The ordinance is expected to receive debate from several of the councilmen.

Other business to be voted on by the council Thursday includes an ordinance amending the present mobile home ordinance. Complaints have been heard on the present ordinance and the new ordinance is reportedly designed to eliminate problems of the original ordinance.

The council will also vote on the sale of property owned by the city in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

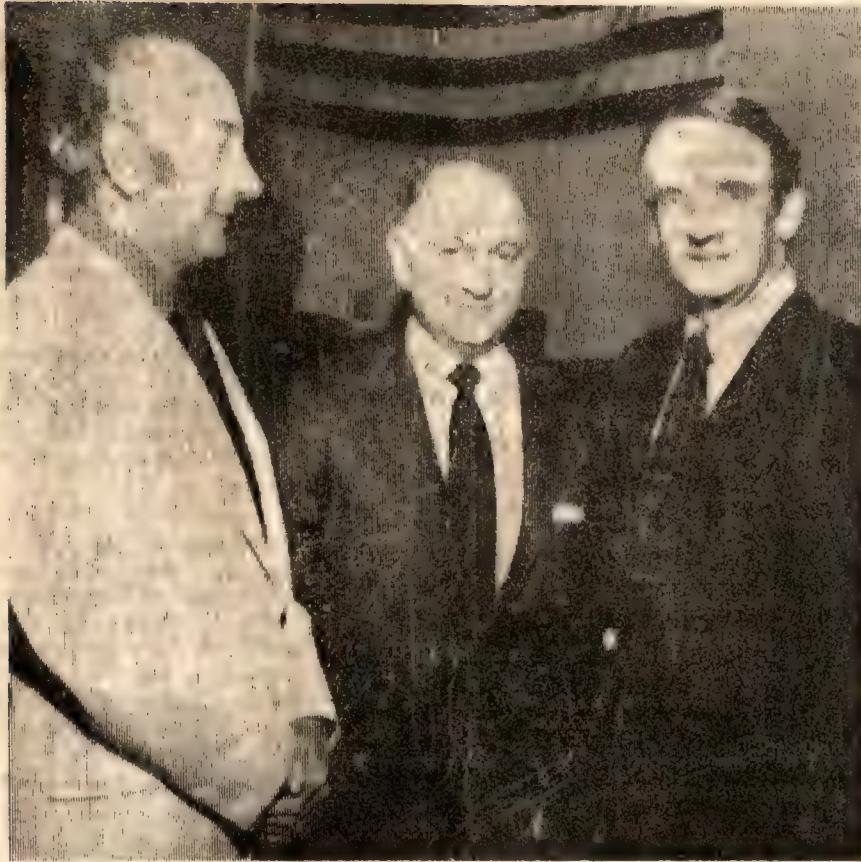
Two appropriation ordinances which were stricken from the record in the December meeting are expected to be re-introduced Thursday. If passed in December, enough time would not have been allowed to receive approval of the appropriations by the State Board of Accounts before the end of the year. The appropriations are for \$71,500 for Fire Department salaries and \$40,000 for the remodeling and addition to the Hulman Municipal Air Field terminal building.

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CONGRATULATES NEW OFFICERS—Fifth District Councilman Kenneth Thomas, who just completed two years as the Terre Haute City Council president, congratulates newly-elected council vice president, Asa Malooley, center, and newly-elected president, John S. "Pete" Lamb, right. The officers for the council were elected in a special City Council meeting Monday night.

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City Council To Get Ordinance To Purchase 15 New Squad Cars

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By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

A \$62,400 appropriation ordinance for the purchase of 15 new police squad cars is to be introduced at a Thursday meeting of the Terre Haute City Council.

Within the past three years, the City Council has appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund \$129,500 for police squad cars and their investment has proved to be a good one. Police Chief James Swift has credited the use of take-home police cars as a reason for the reduction of serious crime in the city.

In August, Chief Swift informed the City Council nine

separate accidents had cost the police department \$9,952.46 in repairs to squad cars, and since that time, at least two squad cars have been involved in area mishaps.

Scheduled for second reading are special ordinances to amend the so-called "Mobile Home Ordinance" and to amend sections of rules and regulations governing the City Council.

First District representative Pete Chalos is author of the measure calling for changes in the mobile home ordinance. Primary changes include (1) only one mobile home may be permitted and situated on each 20,000 square foot area, and (2)

if a property owner has a contiguous area of land, 40,000 square feet or more, and wants to place more than one mobile home on said property, he must make a separate application for each and every mobile home which is desired to be situated and placed on said property or apply under Mobile Home Parks Act of 1955, Chapter 321, as amended.

Expected to draw some controversy is a special ordinance requesting reorganization of the City Council committee structure. The ordinance calls for the following:

There shall be four (4) committees of the Common

Council appointed by the President of the Council. No Councilman shall be chairman of more than one (1) committee. Each Councilman shall serve on two (2) committees. In cases where a special committee is desired, it shall be the duty of the President of the Council to determine the number of members required and to make the appropriate appointments.

The four (4) committees shall be as follows:

Committee on Finance, Contracts, and Franchises consisting of five (5) members (a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and three (3) other members of the Common Council).

Committee on Planning, Zoning, and Improvements consisting of five (5) members (a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and three (3) other members of the Common Council).

Committee on Parks, Public Property, and Governmental Affairs consisting of four (4) members (a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and two (2) other members of the Common Council).

Committee on Traffic, Safety, and Special Health and Welfare consisting of four (4) members (a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and two (2) other members of the Common Council).

Also up for second reading are two similar ordinances authorizing the sale of property at the Fort Harrison Industrial Park to Illiana Commercial Warehouse and Development Corporation.

Other new business to be introduced at Thursday's

meeting include a resolution to transfer the balance of Fruitridge Avenue Economic Development Administration Account to the capital improvements account; a resolution to compensate city employees on a bi-weekly basis; an \$80,000 appropriation for school crossing guard salaries, a \$9,000 appropriation for the salary of a mayor's administrative assistant, a \$29,292 appropriation for four radio operators; \$12,388 for salaries of two records room clerks and \$18,694 for salaries of legal advisors.

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City Council Passes Community Affairs File H JAN 9 1976 Restructuring Bill

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By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

An ordinance which reduces the number of City Council committees from nine to four was passed Thursday night despite some opposition from city legislators.

The Terre Haute City Council met in regular session

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Thursday night to approve the committee restructuring bill, pass unanimously a measure to amend the Mobile Home Ordinance and give approval of two industrial park property sales.

Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser authored the ordinance which amends rules and regulations governing the City Council. Neaderhiser said the ordinance would "allow for a smoother more efficient manner" in which to act on city legislation.

Passed by a 6-2 vote, councilmen Pete Chalos and Thomas Lenahan casting opposing votes, the ordinance creates four basic City Council committees. (1) Finance, Contracts and Franchises. (2)

Planning Zoning and Improvement (3) Parks, Public Property and Governmental Affairs, and (4) Traffic Safety and Special Health and Welfare.

Chalos argued that committees in the past had not been "properly utilized." The First District representative said he had chaired a committee which had received no legislation for the past four years.

"Many ordinances concerning money are often referred to the finance committee, when in fact, they could be referred to other committees," Chalos said. Chalos cited for example legislation concerning city parks. Most park ordinances concerning installation of playground equipment or park facility remodeling have been assigned to the finance committee rather than the committee on parks, playgrounds and recreation.

Councilman at Large Lenahan opposed the ordinance because it was drawn up by "a few council members" and all nine councilmen were not allowed adequate opportunity to give personal input.

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Of Industrial Park Property

By BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

While the Terre Haute City Council spent most of its time Thursday night discussing city legislative committees, the eight councilmen in attendance did approve an ordinance which affects future mobile home dwellers and mobile home court developers.

Councilman Pete Chalos authored the bill which called

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for two major changes in the so-called "mobile home ordinance. The two changes are:

Primary changes include (1) only one mobile home may be permitted and situated on each 20,000 square foot area, and (2) if a property owner has a contiguous area of land, 40,000 square feet or more, and wants to place more than one mobile home on said property, he must make a separate application for each an every mobile home which is desired to be situated and placed on said property or apply under Mobile Home Parks Act of 1955, Chapter 321.

Property sales to Illiana Commercial Warehouse and Development Corporation totaling \$537,000 were approved 7-1 as Second District Councilman C. Eugene Trummel opposed the measures.

The Illiana Development Corp. is the first business to purchase property on contract at the Fort Harrison Industrial

Park and Trummel believes the city is placing itself in an awkward position.

"Allowing a business to purchase property with only a 10-per cent down payment simply isn't good business. In addition, the city of Terre Haute must pay a brokerage fee and this is another cost to the city," Trummel said.

Trummel emphasized he was in favor of attracting new businesses here, but noted the business tactics involved in the two property sales not appealing to him.

Patrick Dougherty, Terre Haute parks superintendent, discussed five appropriation ordinances concerning local parks which were introduced Thursday night. The ordinances included (1) \$8,500 for assistant recreation director; (2) \$55,000 for renovation of Rea Park Clubhouse; (3) \$33,000 for three tennis courts at Deming Park; (4) \$8,000 for park materials, and (5) \$16,000 for equipment at city parks.

With the expansion of

recreational activities in our parks and soon completion of construction at the nature center at Dobbs Park, a need has developed for an assistant recreation director. We will soon be accepting applications for the position and we're seeking a person with a background in recreation and life science," Dougherty said.

Other ordinances introduced Thursday night included \$9,000 for mayor's administrative assistant; \$62,400 for 15 police squad cars; \$80,000 for school guard salaries; \$18,694 for legal advisor salaries; \$29,292 for four radio operators salaries; and \$12,388 for two records room clerks.

Resolutions passed by the

City Council included one commending former councilman Joe Clark, a second resolution to compensate city employees bi-weekly, and a third resolution transferring the balance of the Fruitridge Economic Development Administration Account to the city's capital improvements account.

Councilman William Jarvis was absent from Thursday's meeting.

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Council Alters Ordinance, Approves Property Sale

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The number of Terre Haute City Council committees was reduced from nine to four under a restructuring bill passed by the council Thursday night.

Meeting in regular session, the council also unanimously approved a measure to amend the Mobile Home Ordinance and approved the sale of two industrial park properties.

Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser authored the ordinance which amends rules and regulations governing the City Council. Neaderhiser said the ordinance would "allow for a smoother, more efficient manner", in which to act on city legislation.

Passed by a 6-2 vote, councilmen Pete Chalos and Thomas Lenahan, casting opposing votes, the ordinance creates four basic City Council committees. (1) Finance, Contracts and Franchises; (2) Planning, Zoning and Improvement; (3) Parks, Public Property and Governmental Affairs, and (4) Traffic, Safety and Special Health and Welfare.

Chalos argued that committees, in the past, had not been "properly utilized."

Councilman-at-Large Lenahan opposed the ordinance because it was drawn up by "a few council members" and all nine councilmen were not allowed adequate opportunity to give personal input.

The bill that called for two major changes in the so-called "mobile home ordinance" was authored by Chalos.

Primary changes include (1) only one mobile home may be permitted and situated on each 20,000 square foot area, and (2) if a property owner has a contiguous area of land, 40,000 square feet or more, and wants to place more than one mobile home on said property, he must

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make a separate application for each an every mobile home which is desired to be situated and placed on said property or apply under Mobile Home Parks Act of 1955, Chapter 321.

Property sales to Illiana Commercial Warehouse and Development Corporation totaling \$537,000 were approved 7-1 as Second District Councilman C. Eugene Trummel opposed the measures.

The Illiana Development Corp. is the first business to purchase property on contract at the Fort Harrison Industrial Park and Trummel believes the city is placing itself in an awkward position.

"Allowing a business to purchase property with only a 10-per cent down payment simply isn't good business. In addition, the city of Terre Haute must pay a brokerage fee and this is another cost to the city," Trummel said.

Patrick Dougherty, Terre Haute parks superintendent, discussed five appropriation ordinances concerning local parks which were introduced Thursday night. The ordinances included (1) \$8,500 for assistant recreation director; (2) \$55,000 for renovation of Rea Park Clubhouse; (3) \$33,000 for three tennis courts at Deming Par.; (4) \$8,000 for park materials, and (5) \$46,000 for equipment at city parks.

"With the expansion of recreational activities in our parks and soon completion of construction at the nature center at Dobbs Park, a need has developed for an assistant recreation director. We will soon be accepting applications for the position and we're seeking a person with a background in recreation and life science," Dougherty said.

Other ordinances introduced Thursday night included \$9,000

for mayor's administrative assistant; \$62,400 for 15 police squad cars; \$80,000 for school guard salaries; \$18,694 for legal advisor salaries; \$29,292 for four radio operators salaries; and \$12,388 for two records room clerks.

Resolutions passed by the City Council included one commending former councilman Joe Clark, a second resolution to compensate city employees bi-weekly, and a third resolution transferring the balance of the Fruitridge Economic Development Administration Account to the city's capital improvements account.

Councilman William Jarvis was absent from Thursday's meeting.

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Council Approves Salary Proposal; Members Named

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
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The Terre Haute City Council met in special session Thursday night to pass two salary ordinances totalling \$89,000 and for the assignment of council members to the newly-reconstructed council committees.

The appropriation ordinances were for \$80,000 for the school crossing guards and \$9,000 for the mayor's administrative assistant.

Councilman William Jarvis was the only council member to vote against the call for a special meeting saying he felt the council was spending too much money in a special session of which the public had little knowledge. Responding to the remark that the appropriations were advertised as legals and the meeting had been announced by the news media, Jarvis said hardly anyone reads the legals and the media "generally plays them (ordinances) down or soft-pedals them."

Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb said he thought thorough coverage of the meeting had been given by the media. He pointed out also the funds had to be appropriated in order to pay salaries to many people who were depending on the pay and could not afford to wait until after the regular February meeting. He added the appropriations could not be brought up until the first of the year and had to be advertised 10 days after that.

Both appropriation ordinances passed the council unanimously when the votes were taken.

On the vote of the \$80,000 for the school guards, Councilman Jarvis said he thought the appropriation should be increased to at least \$100,000, adding that many of the school crossing guards work many hours.

Councilmen Thomas, Chalos, Neaderhiser and Lamb joined in agreement with Councilman Jarvis that the crossing guards should be given more money.

The \$80,000 that was appropriated is to be split among about 40 crossing guards. The appropriation could not be changed Thursday night though because of legal requirements which mandate appropriations to be advertised.

The \$9,000 administrative assistant salary is to be taken from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. David Kintz, the mayor's administrative

assistant, was introduced at the meeting.

Council President Lamb made the following appointments to the four committees:

Committee on Finance, Contracts and Franchises — Jack Neaderhiser, chairman; C. Eugene Trummel, vice-chairman; and Larry Kirchner, John S. "Pete" Lamb and Kenneth Thomas, members.

Committee on Planning, Zoning and Improvements — Larry Kirchner, chairman; Thomas Lenahan, vice-chairman; and A. C. Malooley, Jack Neaderhiser and William Jarvis, members.

Committee on Parks, Public Property and Governmental Affairs — Kenneth Thomas, chairman; A. C. Malooley, vice-chairman; and John S. "Pete" Lamb and Pete Chalos, members.

Committee on Traffic, Safety and Special Health and Welfare — Pete Chalos, chairman; William Jarvis, vice-chairman; and Thomas Lenahan and C. Eugene Trummel, members.

The City Council formerly was composed of nine committees but an ordinance passed in the regular monthly meeting of the council on Jan. 8 provided for the reduction of committees to four. Due to the pending ordinance and, after its passage, the time necessary to assign council members to the committees, ordinances up for first reading by the council in the monthly meeting were assigned to the committee of the whole.

After committees were appointed Thursday night, nine appropriation ordinances introduced at the Jan. 8 meeting were reassigned to the new committees.

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Terre Haute Council Community Affairs File To Hear Money Issues

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Two major appropriations ordinances to be voted on Thursday include \$62,400 for the purchase of 15 new squad cars for the Police Department and \$55,000 for the renovation of the Rea Park Clubhouse.

The new squad cars are to be a replacement for 13 of the old squad cars with two new cars to be added. Money has been taken out of the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund over the last three years to purchase take-home cars used by the officers. Chief of Police James L. Swift has credited the take-home cars as deterrents to additional crimes and as aids in the quick apprehension of criminals or early arrivals at crime scenes by off-duty officers using the cars.

The \$55,000 for the Rea Park Clubhouse at the golf course there is to be used for overall improvements.

Other ordinances up for second reading include: \$46,000 for equipment for all city parks, \$33,000 for Deming Park tennis courts, \$8,500 for an assistant recreation director, \$29,292 for four radio operators for the Police Department, \$18,694 for a legal adviser for the Police

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A \$150,000 appropriation ordinance to purchase new street department equipment has been introduced by city Councilman president John S. "Pete" Lamb. Lamb said he expects the ordinance to be extensively investigated by the council and added the council would keep watch over all equipment purchases and trades.

The first reading on a \$40,000 ordinance for the remodeling of the Hulman Field terminal building will also be heard. The ordinance was introduced last year but could not be passed before the end of the year to receive the necessary approval of the State Board of Accounts.

A resolution recognizing work of the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment in getting a \$683,000 community block grant for the city is to be voted on by the council Thursday.

To be introduced for first reading is a special ordinance to amend the city's Unsafe Building Law. The ordinance would authorize the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment to enforce rules and regulations concerning the law.

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Jarvis opposed most of the monies for the Park Department because, he said, his 3rd District area has been totally neglected in terms of park facilities. He pointed out that Terre Town has a high ratio of children and needs a recreational facility. He also said there is a parcel of land near Sheridan Drive donated to the city years ago, but the city has failed to assume title. It would make a good neighborhood park, Jarvis said.

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Appropriations Total \$217,774 FEB 13 1976 Following TH City Council Action

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The Terre Haute City Council passed appropriations totalling \$217,774 in the regular February meeting Thursday night.

Also, all department heads were requested to inventory their vehicles and equipment and to submit the inventories to the council by March 4.

The appropriation ordinances, with all funding being derived from federal revenue sharing funds, were split with \$122,274 to the Police Department and \$95,500 to the Park and Recreation Department.

The major Police Department appropriation was \$62,400 for 14 or 15 new squad cars. Chief of Police James L. Swift told the council the cars would replace older cars with over 80,000 miles on them. Other Police Department appropriations were \$18,194 for the salaries of the legal adviser and his secretary, \$29,292 for salaries of four

radio operators and \$12,388 for two record clerks' salaries.

Park and Recreation Department appropriations passed included \$33,000 for tennis courts in Deming Park, \$46,000 for equipment for all parks, \$8,500 for an assistant recreation director and \$8,000 for materials for all parks.

An appropriation ordinance for \$55,000 for the renovation of the Rea Park Clubhouse was tabled until specifications for the renovation are available and the money necessary has been determined.

The Police Department appropriations were passed unanimously and the Park and Recreation Department appropriations passed with only one opposing vote. Third District Councilman William Jarvis voted against those appropriations saying he would continue to do so because he felt the northside of the city was not being treated fairly as far as placement of parks. He also stated in voting against some of the ordinances that he was against "blank check" spending.

Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser made the official request of vehicle and equipment inventories from the department heads. He also provided forms for the heads to list the inventories. He explained the inventories would give the councilmen guidelines in their committees when considering requests for the addition or replacement of equipment.

Former Sixth District Councilman Joseph Clark was presented a plaque and honored by the passage of a resolution commending his work on the City Council last term. Clark was appointed to fill the last portion of the term of former councilman Eugene Butts, who resigned from the council when he moved from the city.

Appropriations up for first reading and assigned to committees were:

To the Finance, Contracts and Franchises Committee — \$9,000 for the mayor's administrative assistant, \$150,000 for street equipment and \$25,000 for Fire Department motor equipment.

To the Planning, Zoning and Improvements Committee — \$40,000 for Hulman Field Terminal Building, rezoning of 1200 S. 3rd St. and rezoning of 2004, 2006, 2008 and 1020 N. 25th St.

To the Traffic Safety, and Special Health and Welfare Committee — amendment of Unsafe Building Law, amendment of Special Ordinance No. 1, 1964, establishment of two-hour parking on south side of 10½ and Crawford streets, erection of stop signs at 5th and Hancock and yield signs at 10th and Crust.

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City Council Passes Pay Appropriation

The Terre Haute City Council met for the second time in special session Thursday night in order to pass an appropriation ordinance to provide the salary for the mayor's administrative assistants.

The council had also had a special meeting on Jan. 22 for that same purpose, but had at that time appropriated the \$9,000 salary from the federal revenue sharing funds. Since then, it was learned the salary was not eligible to be taken from the federal funds. A new ordinance was introduced to provide the salary from the General Fund at the regular monthly meeting on Feb. 12 and was assigned to the finance contracts and franchises committee for consideration. It was approved unanimously Thursday night.

David Kintz has served as the administrative assistant for Mayor William J. Brighton since the first of the year.

The announcement was made at the meeting Thursday night that the City Council will have a public meeting at the City Garage, 13th and Deming streets, on Saturday, March 6, at 10 a.m. to consider a proposed \$150,000 appropriation ordinance for new city street department equipment. The equipment to be purchased and that in the possession of the department are to be discussed.

At Thursday's meeting, the repeat passage of the \$9,000 salary measure for the administrative assistant was questioned by Third District Councilman William Jarvis. Councilman Jarvis suggested the appropriation ordinance for the salary from the federal money be rescinded so two ordinances for the assistant's salary will not be appropriated.

A written opinion is to be obtained from City Attorney

James Snock on whether the new ordinance automatically rescinded the original appropriation or whether an ordinance canceling the original appropriation needs to pass the council, at the suggestion of First District Councilman Pete Chaios.

In new business, first reading was heard on two traffic ordinances: one for no parking on Seventh Street between Cherry and Chestnut streets between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. except Sundays and the other for stop signs at 23rd Street and Seabury Avenue.

After the regular meeting, an informal public discussion was held in the council chambers concerning a weed and clean-up ordinance which the council will consider at the next regular meeting, Thursday, March 11. The members seemed to be in agreement on the belief that something needs to be done about weed clean-up, but the councilmen disagreed on whether a new ordinance is needed or whether enforcement of old ordinances would be more effective.

Eight of the nine city councilmen attended Thursday's meeting, with Second District Councilman Eugene Trummel absent.

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TH Council Approves \$9,000 For Administrative Assistant

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By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

After two attempts the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night finally passed a \$9,000 salary ordinance for an administrative assistant to Mayor William J Brighton.

The \$9,000, to be draw from the General Fund, is to be paid to David Kintz recently appointed administrative assistant.

On Jan. 22, the City Council passed the same \$9,000 figure, but the money would have been drawn from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. President John "Pete" Lamb said procedures, meaning the money would be drawn from the General Fund.

Thursday night, Third

District Councilman William Jarvis questioned the repeat

A meeting to review a proposed \$150,000 appropriation ordinance for city street equipment is to be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the City Garage, Thirteenth and Deming streets. Equipment to be purchased and equipment already on hand are to be discussed. The meeting is open to the public.

passage of the \$9,000 salary measure Jarvis suggested appropriation ordinance passed last month be rescinded to

assure that two \$9,000 ordinances are not appropriated.

Pete Chalos, First District councilman requested City Clerk Andrew Ateleski to obtain a written opinion of the two ordinances from Jame Smock, city attorney. Chalos said unless the original ordinance is not automatically rescinded, an ordinance to cancel it should be drafted.

In other business, the City Council heard first reading of an ordinance to establish no parking on Seventh between Cherry and Chestnut streets between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. except Sundays. Also placed in committee was a traffic ordinance to place stop signs at 23rd Street and Seabury Avenue.

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City Council Plans Inspection

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At Street Department Garage

The Terre Haute City Council will unofficially meet Saturday morning at the city Street Department garage to check over equipment affected by an upcoming appropriation ordinance to fund the trade-in of old equipment and the purchase of new equipment.

The meeting, open to the public, is set for 10 a.m. at the garage located at 13th and Deming sts.

Only equipment affected by a \$150,000 appropriation ordinance scheduled for second reading and a vote at the regular monthly meeting of the council March 11 will be viewed, according to Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb. He said the meeting is an effort to familiarize the council with the type of equipment to be purchased with the \$150,000 appropriation.

Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, who requested the visit to the Street Department garage, explained the types of equipment to be purchased and the out-dated equipment to be traded in will be discussed with Street Department Supt. Lawrence "Buzz" King.

Only the equipment to be traded in for new equipment, pending passage of the appropriation ordinance, will be on public display Saturday.

First District Councilman Pete Chalos informed The TRIBUNE he does not intend to attend the Saturday session because he had already made a check of the department's equipment on his own. Chalos added he is "glad the other councilmen are finally doing it."

Several council members also recently toured the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for which the city took financial control over a year ago in an effort to learn about its activities and examine the buildings and facilities.

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City Councilmen To Visit Street Dept.; Public Invited

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Terre Haute city councilmen will take their second "field trip" Saturday morning when they visit the city street department garage to familiarize themselves with new equipment intended to be purchased soon.

The visit to the street department facility is to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and is open to the public, according to City Council President John "Pete" Lamb. The garage is located at 13th and Denning Streets.

About three months ago, the City Council toured the Fort Harrison Industrial Park to learn about its activities and examine the many buildings and facilities.

"Last year the City Council was criticized publicly for appropriating amounts of money for street equipment without complete study by the entire council," Lamb told The Star.

Lamb said Saturday's meeting will be an attempt to "better acquaint" the entire City Council with the type of street equipment proposed to be purchased through a \$150,000 appropriation bill. The appropriation measure is to receive second reading by the legislative body March 11.

Jack Neaderhiser, fourth district councilman and chairman of the council finance committee, actually requested the trip to the street department garage.

"The more information the council obtains on legislative matters being considered, the better off we (the City Council) are in making the best, proper decisions," Neaderhiser said.

Neaderhiser said the purpose of Saturday's special meeting is to discuss with Lawrence "Buzz" King, street superintendent, the types of equipment to be purchased and the out-dated equipment to be traded in.

Both Lamb and Neaderhiser emphasized Saturday's session is not to include a public display of "all" street department equipment, but only that equipment which is planned for trade-in.

Some street department equipment is alleged to have been purchased in violation of state competitive bidding laws, but such allegations are not to be discussed Saturday, according to Lamb.

"Our intentions Saturday are to take the City Council out of the meeting room and into the field so we can be fully informed of the type of equipment being considered for purchase," Lamb concluded.

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City Council (TH)

TH Council to Vote On Money Requests

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

Appropriation ordinances totaling \$215,000 are to be considered for vote by the Terre Haute city council Thursday night.

The council will meet in its regular monthly session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall courtroom.

The major ordinance to be considered is Appropriation Ordinance No. 13 for \$150,000 for Street Department equipment.

Several council members and members of the media met at the Street Department garage, 13th and Deming streets, recently to inspect the department's equipment. On display was the equipment to be traded in or replaced with funding from the pending appropriation.

Two other ordinances combine to make up the remaining \$65,000 in appropriations to be voted on by the council.

One ordinance asks for \$40,000 for expansion of the Hulman Field terminal building with another ordinance for \$25,000 for the Terre Haute Fire Department motor equipment.

Several traffic ordinances are to be considered by the council, including those which would establish two-hour parking on the south side of 10½ and Crawford streets, providing for erection of stop signs at the intersections of 5th and Hancock streets and 23rd and Seabury streets, provide for the erection of yield signs at 10th and Craft streets,

and establishing no parking on 7th Street from Cherry Street to Chestnut Street.

Two ordinances to be voted on are for the amendment of previous ordinances. One provides for the amending of Special Ordinance No. 34, 1975, the unsafe building law, and the other ordinance provides for the amending of Special Ordinance No. 1, 1964.

Zoning ordinances to be considered are for the rezoning of property at 1200 S. 3rd St. and also for the rezoning of property at 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010 N. 25th St.

New business to be up for first reading and assignment to committees for study includes traffic ordinances for no parking on the north side of 4th Avenue from 3rd to 4th streets and yield signs at the intersection of Buckeye and Hendricks streets; ordinances authorizing the sale of properties in the industrial park to Braehler Tire and Shaw Equipment; ordinances for the amendment of General Ordinance No. 6 concerning fire zones; General Ordinance No. 1, concerning comprehensive zoning; and Appropriation Ordinance covering expenses of the city council.

Transfer of funds for the Department of Weights and Measures and the Park and Recreation Department will be considered Thursday night.

A resolution will be presented to the council commanding the National High School Wrestling Team which will be participating in a wrestling match with the National Polish Wrestling Team March 22.

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Street Equipment Bought, T MAR 12 1976

Community Affairs File Other Ordinances Pass

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

The passing of three appropriation ordinances totaling \$215,000 and the approval of a resolution mandating the Terre Haute Police Department to enforce zoning laws were major actions taken by the Terre Haute City Council in the regular March meeting Thursday night at City Hall.

All business before the council passed unanimously except for a special ordinance to provide two-hour parking in front of Stran-Steel, on the southside of 10½ and Crawford streets, which was defeated by a vote of five to four.

The major appropriation ordinance approved was for \$150,000 for the purchase of new Street Department equipment, which is to include seven trucks, one sweeper, one grader, one mower, one roller, three radios and four salt spreaders. The City Council held a public meeting at the Street Department garage, 13th and Deming streets, Saturday to check over the equipment to be traded in and replaced with funding from the ordinance.

An appropriation of \$40,000 for expansion in the terminal building of Hulman Field was approved, also. The expansion is to enlarge the waiting area and to give local authorities the space to comply with federal standards of separating those in the terminal building who have been checked for security before boarding a flight from those not checked.

Al Tingley, of the local Allegheny Commuter service at Hulman Field, pointed out his company's business increased 29 per cent in February, 1976, over February, 1975, with 2,100 additional passengers using the flights and an average of 1,000 persons a day in and out of the terminal. He added around 4 p.m.

daily, no extra room is available in the building.

The third appropriation ordinance approved was for \$25,000 for Fire Department motor equipment. Fire Chief Shipley said six vehicles to be replaced all had high mileage and were "impossible to keep in repair."

A truck to be purchased by the department is to be used parttime for trash hauling, which the department must provide for itself. Councilman-at-large Larry Kirchner said he is currently working to get the hauling done by the company with the city trash contract. He said he hopes to have arrangements worked out within the next couple of weeks, or in the next contract for trash pick-up awarded by the city.

The resolution mandating the Police Department to enforce zoning laws was introduced by Third District Councilman William Jarvis. The resolution stated that properties at 2610 N. 27th St., the southwest corner of Collett Avenue and 26th Street, the southeast corner of 25th Street and Delaware and one block north of that corner were not being used as zones or to comply with the zoning for those properties, with the first three zoned as residential and being used now for auto wrecking or the storing of junk. The resolution, passed unanimously, mandated the Police Department to "act once to correct" the conditions or to "arrest the persons responsible for the violations and to bring them to justice."

Another ordinance approved by the council was the amendment to the Unsafe Building Law and transferred the responsibility for the demolition of condemned property from the Building Inspection Department to the Department of Redevelopment.

A resolution was passed commending the National Polish Wrestling Team

which is to appear in competition at South Vigo High School March 22. Other resolutions approved were for the transfer of money: \$800 for the Park and Recreation Department and \$100 for the Department of Weights and Measures.

Traffic ordinances approved were for no parking on Lafayette Avenue between 7th Street and 6th Avenue; no parking on North 7th street between Cherry and Chestnut from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Sundays; yield signs at 10th and Cruff streets; stop signs at 5th and Hancock streets; and stop signs at 23rd and Seabury streets and zoning ordinances passed were for rezoning of properties at 1200 S. 3rd St. and from 2004 to 2010 25th St.

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Public Gets Access to Records

By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council passed a resolution stating that citizens are entitled to access to city records and, if possible, photocopies of those records during a lengthy session Thursday night.

The resolution, along with other business, was acted upon in the regular April meeting of the council.

The resolution on public access to city records and the photocopies of those was introduced by Councilman William Jarvis as a result of a rule in some city offices which had temporarily ended the service of photocopying city records for citizens or the news media. The ruling had been in effect for about two weeks but was rescinded Wednesday.

A motion was made to place the resolution in committee for study but was defeated with five of the nine councilmen voting against it.

The original Jarvis resolution was amended by Councilman Pete Chalos, who suggested omitting what he called

"name calling" in the Jarvis resolution, and the resolution was approved by a seven-to-two vote.

In other business, the council approved the sale of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for \$20,000 to the Shaw Equipment Company which will use one bay of a building in the park for storage of steel.

An appropriation ordinance of \$17,475.36 for the council was approved to pay the County Auditor's Office for expenses of the 1975 primary election. A \$55,000 appropriation ordinance for the renovation of the Rea Park Clubhouse was left in committee.

Rezoning approved by the council included properties at 1500 Chestnut St., 2001 N. 19th St. and 200 to 2024 N. 20th St., 4 W. Margaret Ave., 2601 Ft. Harrison Road, and the southeast corner of 7th and Voorhees Sts.

Traffic ordinances approved were for the erection of yield signs on Buckeyes St. and Hendricks Ave. and no parking between 4th and 3rd Sts. on the north side

of 4th Ave.

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An amendment of a 1962 ordinance creating fire zones passed to establish fire zones for property between Fairbanks Park and the Vigo County Jail, which is to be the site of a new Honda dealership.

In new business, an unsuccessful try was made by Councilmen Chalos and Jarvis to kill a special ordinance to amend the rules governing the council. The ordinance, introduced by Councilman Kenneth Thomas, would require all ordinances to be considered by the council to be submitted 24 hours in advance with the only exception that of resolutions, which could be introduced later on the unanimous approval of the council members.

A motion to kill the amendment was defeated and the amendment ordinance was assigned to the parks, public property and governmental affairs committee for study.

Other new business assigned to committees included: to the finance,

contracts and franchises committee — ordinances for the appropriation of \$3,000 for the City Judge's office, \$4,573 for the Fire Department and \$694,596 for the Park and Recreation Department; and to the traffic safety, special health and welfare committee — ordinances establishing no parking on the north side of Chase St. from 13th St. to the alley and on Walnut St. near the YMCA, removing yield signs at 1st and Farrington Sts. and erecting stops signs and removing yield signs at 12th and Ash Sts. and erecting stop signs.

Two other resolutions were considered by the council, with one for a transfer of \$120. for the Department of Redevelopment receiving approval and another expressing concern over theft of citizen band radio units being placed in the committee of the whole for a council study of possible steps to be taken locally to combat the thefts.

All nine councilmen attended the two-and-one-half hour meeting Thursday night.

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The great copying controversy resolved?

City Council (T.H.) By Susan Crittenden and Cheryl Bowne

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Last Wednesday morning Councilman Bill Jarvis submitted a resolution for Thursday night's City Council Agenda. The resolution, sought to protect the right of Citizens and news media to photocopy city documents. It was designated, "Resolution No. 13, 1976." Interestingly, the sign which for three weeks had denied the news media as well as the general public the right to photocopy public documents was removed the next morning Thursday from the Board of Works and Safety Office in City Hall.

Thus, when the council came to Jarvis' resolution, Thursday night, there was some pressure to strike it because the city had already changed its policy. However, Jarvis wanted the issue to become a matter of public record, because it is possible for the policy to again be changed.

Despite City Hall's "indulgence" in restoring the public's right to use the copying machines (incidentally provided by taxpayers' money), the price of copies has doubled. Interesting to note is that on Wednesday, the day before the sign was removed, a councilman paid 10 cents per page for material copied. On Thursday, the following day, The Spectator was charged 20 cents per copy (ISU charges five cents per page for photocopying, and the public library charges 10 cents).

City Hall's primary justification for its restriction was that media representatives were monopolizing the time of city workers. This justification was "driven home" to Spectator reporters, Thursday, when a city worker had to stop painting her fingernails in order to make several photocopies.

Council discussion on the resolution Thursday evening began with a motion supported primarily by Pete Lamb and Jack Neaderhiser to put the resolution in committee of the whole for a month's study.

Neaderhiser suggested that news representatives could read documents into their

recording machines. They could then, according to his suggestion, have stenographers type the tapes for an exact record. (A member of the audience at this point was heard to ask his neighbor if General Telephone provided such service for Neaderhiser. If so, he thought that probably helped account for his high telephone bill.)

Pete Chalos maintained that photocopies themselves could contain errors. This point of view, it seems, fails to recognize that if photo-copies do contain occasional errors, at least the press can prove the mistakes don't belong to them.

During the discussion there were a variety of councilmanic comments, including, "the duplicating machines are too busy," "it would be dangerous to take papers from one office to another," and "if you let us study this for a month, we might be able to provide you with coin-operated machines."

Councilman Chalos at this point remarked that he would like to take the personalities out and simplify the resolution. His changes came as an amendment to the original resolution and recorded the council as supporting citizens' access to any documents and their right to photocopies (when possible) at a reasonable cost.

The first vote came on a motion to place the resolution in committee. This action would have delayed any council decision for one month. Gene Trummel among others made a strong plea for "facing the issue tonight." By a five-to-four margin, the motion was defeated. Voting for postponement were Lenahan, Neaderhiser, Thomas, and Lamb. Voting against postponement and for consideration were Chalos, Jarvis, Kirchner, Malooley, and Trummel.

While defending itself, City Hall has restored that media members, when requesting photocopies, are wasting too much valuable time of city workers. One immediately envisions long lines of news reporters crowded in City Hall, loading workers with stacks of documents to be duplicated. Jarvis pointed out that this picture was false. Few people actually have requested copies.

The final vote on Resolution 13 as amended came after lengthy discussion including statements from newsmen and audience members, as well as councilmen. Only two councilmen--Lamb and Neaderhiser--voted against the resolution in a seven-to-two decision.

The photocopying issue is mainly symbolic. Unlike an ordinance which has the force of law, a resolution merely expresses the council's view. However, the watered-down resolution, finally approved by the half-hearted council, is ambiguous. It does not define a reasonable copy cost and only calls for city workers' co-operation "when possible," thus leaving easy loopholes within the resolution. In the final analysis, there was "much ado about nothing."

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Tichenor has served as President of Indiana Savings and Loan Association since his election in 1958. He is also Secretary-Treasurer of Spirit of Terre Haute, a member of the National Association of Realtors, Terre Haute Kiwanis Club, and the Masonic Order.

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Two Controversial Topics Due During City Council Meeting

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

A resolution concerning the pay of suspended Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley and an appropriation ordinance for more funds for the new city golf course are expected to be controversial topics at the regular monthly City Council meeting Thursday night.

The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall Courtroom.

Third District Councilman William Jarvis has indicated he will introduce a resolution recommending the demotion of Fire Chief Shipley, who was suspended with pay after being

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indicted for soliciting or accepting a bribe; to the rank of private to serve at the position with private's pay until the judicial proceedings against him are complete.

Chief Shipley was indicted April 24 by a special Vigo County Grand Jury investigating charges of irregularities in the local government operation. Mayor William J. Brighton suspended Shipley with pay, saying that a man is not guilty until proven so and is entitled to his pay.

Pointing out that judicial proceedings against Shipley could take months or even years to complete, the resolu-

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tion prepared by Jarvis stated that the difference in pay between private and chief would be placed in escrow for a period not to exceed two years, to be paid in full to Shipley if he is eventually acquitted or to revert to the general fund if he is found guilty.

Jarvis' resolution read that the "continuation of Mr. Shipley's salary at its current level, with no service to be rendered, is a ripoff."

City Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb called Jarvis' resolution a "moot resolution." He explained the action on Shipley's suspension is "strictly an executive branch matter".

over which the council has no say. He added that since the mayor will not have to heed any recommendation of the council he feels the resolution will "just take up time and space on the agenda."

Also scheduled for consideration by the council Thursday is an appropriation ordinance for the Hulman Links at Lost Creek, an 18-hole municipal golf course now under construction east of the city.

The original ordinance introduced at the April meeting for \$694,596 has been cut by about \$50,000 by the City Council, according to Councilman Lamb. Lamb introduced the ordinance.

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Council To Get Resolution On Suspended TH Fire Chief

By ANDY AMEY

Star Staff Writer

Third District City Councilman William Jarvis will introduce a resolution at Thursday's regular monthly City Council meeting to cut the pay and rank of suspended Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley, and indicated displeasure Tuesday that some members of the Council were what he termed "rubber stamps to the Mayor."

City Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb said Tuesday he considers Shipley's status an "executive matter" that is out of the jurisdiction of the Council, and added that because of those feelings, he would probably vote against the resolution.

Jarvis, however, said, "It's an executive branch matter as long as the Council wants it to be so. Council is supposed to set policy for the city of Terre Haute and the Mayor, if anything, should be subservient to the Council, not, as practiced, the Council being subservient to the Mayor."

"Some, if not the majority, of the Council are nothing more than rubber stamps for the

Mayor," Jarvis concluded.

Mayor William Brighton suspended Shipley with pay after the fire chief was indicted by the special Vigo County Grand Jury for soliciting or accepting a bribe.

Jarvis' resolution, however, would demote Shipley to the rank of private with private's pay until judicial proceedings against him are completed. The difference in pay between private and chief would be held in escrow for a period not to exceed two years, to be repaid to Shipley if he is acquitted and to revert to the general fund if he is found guilty.

Jarvis said Tuesday he hadn't contacted other Councilmen, but thought "all Councilmen would be inclined to go along with the resolution, having the interests of the people of Terre Haute at heart."

Lamb, in making his statement that the matter was up to the executive branch, said, "A Councilman certainly has the right to express his own opinion, but I believe this matter belongs in the form of an opinion and not as a Council resolution."

Also to be discussed in the 7:30 p.m. meeting Thursday in the City Hall Courtroom is an appropriation to complete the construction of Hulman Links at Lost Creek, the new city golf course being constructed east of the city.

The original appropriation introduced in April was for \$694,596, although Lamb indicated Tuesday that consolidation of certain items would probably cut the final cost by about \$50,000.

Also to be considered Thursday are appropriations for \$3,000 for the City Judge's Office and \$4,572 for the Fire Department.

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The text of Jarvis' resolution is as follows:

"Whereas former Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley has been indicted by the special Vigo County Grand Jury for a serious felony, to wit soliciting or receiving a bribe, and whereas it has formerly been the custom in the past to demote or suspend policemen or firemen who were suspected of misconduct without pay for serious or minor offenses, and whereas Mayor Brighton has announced that he is suspending LeRoy Shipley without any loss of pay and with no loss of rank, and whereas it has long been understood that the position of Fire Chief is entirely at the disposi-

tion of the Mayor without any applicable merit, civil service, or tenure protection, and whereas judicial proceedings against Mr. Shipley could take months or even years to complete and whereas continuation of Mr. Shipley's salary at its current level with no service to be rendered is a rip-off, be it therefore resolved that it is the view of this Council that LeRoy Shipley should be demoted to the rank of private and he should be offered the opportunity to serve the department at that rank with all appropriate rights and privileges and at private's pay until his services are otherwise terminated in a normal manner; the difference between his salary as chief and his salary as a private should be placed in escrow for a period not to exceed two years to be paid in full at such time as he is acquitted or to revert to the general fund at such time that he is convicted or pleads guilty to any offense and proceedings related to the current indictment."

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Golf Fund Issue

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Before Council

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

An appropriation ordinance to be considered at the Thursday night meeting of the Terre Haute City Council for money out of the cigarette tax funds to be used on the new city golf course is "exactly" how the state legislature meant for those funds to be used, according to City Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, former state legislator.

Neaderhiser, state representative when a two-cent increase on the cigarette tax was added in 1965, said the intention of the legislature in passing the increase partially was to provide needed recreational facilities in the state.

About \$654,596 in cigarette tax funds is being asked for the completion of construction on the Hulman Links at Lost Creek, a new 18-hole municipal golf course, at the regular monthly meeting of the council Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

Fourth District Councilman Neaderhiser said he feels the use of the money on the golf course is necessary. He pointed out industries look over recreational facilities along with other facilities such as educational ones when they study a city for possible locations of the industries.

Terre Haute gets approximately \$280,000 a year from the act of 1965 which increased the cigarette tax two cents. Neaderhiser said that money is to be used for capital improvements, with one of the main purposes of the act to provide funds for recreation which otherwise would have to come from the general fund or, thus, from the property tax roles.

Neaderhiser listed five purposes of the two-cent increase on cigarette tax passed by the legislature in 1965, a legislature in which Terre Haute Mayor William J. Brighton and attorneys Frederick Bauer and Jack Mankin were members, with Mankin the author of the bill.

The purposes were: 1) \$5 million plus in funds to complete the Port of Indiana on Lake Michigan (the largest freshwater port in the world); 2) funds to complete the bridge connecting Indiana and Kentucky over the Ohio River at Cannelton; 3) sufficient funds to start building of regional mental health centers (such as the Katherine Hamilton Mental Health Center); 4) funds for acquiring more land and improvements in the state park system; and 5) originally small amounts of funds to the cumulative capital improvement funds to cities and towns to be increased with the completion of the port and the bridge.

"Golf courses for cities are exactly the kind of use anticipated by the 1965 act passed by the legislature," Neaderhiser concluded.

The appropriation ordinance for the golf course funding is expected to pass the council Thursday night with opposition, though, from possibly two council members. First District Councilman Pete Chalos and Third District Councilman William Jarvis have both expressed opposition to appropriating more money for the course.

The Hulman Links at Lost Creek golf course is being constructed on 240 acres of land east of the city. Initial funding for the project came from donation of the land and money from Mr. and Mrs.

Tony Hulman totaling \$495,000 with a matching federal grant of \$493,241.50.

Other matters up before the council Thursday will include: appropriation ordinances of \$3,000 for the City Judge's Office and \$4,573 for the Fire Department; traffic ordinances for no parking on the north side of Chase Street from 13th Street to the alley, no parking on Walnut Street near the YMCA, removal of yield signs and erection of stop signs at First and Farrington Streets, and removal of yield signs and placement of stop signs at 12th and Ash streets; and a special ordinance to change the rules governing the council.

A resolution is to be entered for consideration by the council of a city flag. Mayor William J. Brighton is supporting the adoption of a city flag, pointing out the city does not have an official flag and the Bicentennial year would be a good time to accept such a flag.

Councilman Jarvis has introduced a resolution for the demotion of Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley to private at private's pay until legal action pending against him due to a grand jury indictment is completed. Shipley has been suspended with pay by Mayor Brighton and Jarvis feels Shipley should not receive his pay for not working. The resolution is not expected to pass, since many councilmen pointed out the council has no say in such executive branch matters.

New business to come before the council includes an ordinance for \$500,000 for city street resurfacing, two ordinances totaling \$10,370 for a Bicentennial memorial and a general ordinance changing the schedule of rates and charges of the sewage department.

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Council Appropriates TH Golf Course Money

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City Council (T.H.)

By COLLEEN BLACKETER

Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council Thursday night approved an ordinance to appropriate an additional \$866,439 for the new city golf course after lengthy discussion by the councilmen and citizens attending the May meeting.

Also receiving much discussion by the council, but voted down, was a resolution recommending that suspended Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley be demoted to the rank of private at private's pay Shipley, due to a grand jury indictment returned against him claiming he solicited or accepted a bribe, has been suspended from his duties with pay by Mayor William J. Brighton.

The golf course appropriation provided the money for the completion of the course and construction of buildings at Hulman Links at Lost Creek, a new 18-hole municipal golf course now under construction east of the city on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hulman. The money was appropriated out of the cumulative capital improvement fund, or from money received from cigarette tax.

The ordinance passed with a six to two vote First District Councilman Pete Chalos and Third District Councilman William Jarvis both voted against ordinance, stating the money could be put to a better use elsewhere. Chalos said he was misled by other councilmen when proposals for the course were started in 1972 that it would be located closer to the city and also would not cost any money from the city at all.

Proponents of the funding, including Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, pointed out the money used by the council for the project would not be taken from local tax money but from money returned to the city on cigarette taxes. Councilman-at-large Larry Kirchner, while explaining his vote for the appropriation, quoted a 1972 council

resolution which stated the cumulative capital improvement funds would be used for the course.

The initial funding for the golf course was derived from a land and money gift from the Hulmans totaling \$495,000 and \$493,241.50 from the Department of Natural Resources.

The resolution of Councilman Jarvis concerning the rank and pay of suspended Fire Chief LeRoy Shipley was voted down by the council with a seven to one vote. Jarvis explained his resolution quoting several firemen and policemen who had been suspended without pay for serious or minor offenses.

Councilman Chalos pointed out the men listed by Jarvis had all been given hearings before the Board of Public Works and Safety, with their attorneys. He said Shipley has not had the chance to appear before anyone to give his side of the story. He said Shipley should have his "day in court" before such a decision is made.

Councilman Neaderhiser remarked the whole matter was a concern of the executive branch of the city government, the mayor, and no matter what recommendations were made by the council, the mayor would not have to agree. He also pointed out an indictment does not prove guilt.

A special ordinance which received some debate by council members was one amending the rules governing the council. The ordinance, introduced by Fifth District Councilman Kenneth Thomas, requires that ordinances and resolutions be filed at the City Clerk's Office 24 hours before the scheduled meetings with an exception for resolutions which can be introduced with the unanimous consent of the council members at the meeting. The amendment ordinance was approved five to three with Councilmen Chalos, Kirchner and Jarvis voting against it.

The councilmen against the amendment said the 24 hour filing time would be too restrictive. They said other such measures as voting against, tabling and placing in committee are available to the councilmen if they do not want a particular matter of business to pass. An unsuccessful attempt was made to kill the ordinance.

Those in favor of the resolution said the time is needed for the councilmen to be aware of what is on the agenda to study the proposed ordinances and resolutions and also to help the Clerk's Office in getting the agendas prepared on time.

Other items considered and approved by the City Council Thursday night included appropriation ordinances of \$3,000 for the City Judge's Office to add to the fund to pay special judges and pro tem judges and \$4,573 for the Fire Department for repairs to a fire truck and an assistant chief's car, both damaged in accidents. Also approved were traffic ordinances for no parking on the north side of Chase Street from 13th Street to the alley near the new Fire Department Training Center, no parking on Walnut Street near the YMCA and for the removal of yield signs and the placement of stop signs at both First and Farrington streets and 12th and Ash streets.

Resolutions passed by the council included one to send a letter to the federal government expressing concern over the theft of citizen band radio units and another to adopt a city flag. Money transfers approved were for \$2,700 for the Fire Department, \$5,000 for the Street Department, \$2,600 for the Park Department, \$50 for the Legal Department and \$2,000 for the Board of Cemetery Regents.

New business assigned to committee and scheduled to be voted on in the June meeting included appropriation ordinances of \$500,000 for the Street Department and \$3,000 and \$7,370 for City Hall, zoning ordinances for rezoning of properties at 15½ and Ft. Harrison Rd. 101 to 105 N. 12th St., 1355 Walnut St., and 2101 Wabash Ave.; and traffic ordinances for no parking on the south side of Locust Street from 13th to 25th streets, erection of yield signs at 25th Street and 7th Avenue, 14½ and Linden streets, and 11th and Harrison streets and stop signs at 13½ Street and Lee Avenue. General ordinances assigned to committees included two approving the sale of Fort Harrison Industrial Park property to the Illiana Commercial Development Corporation.

A standing-room-only crowd attended the two and a quarter hour meeting Thursday night. Second District Councilman Eugene Trummel was not present.

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City Council Votes 5-3 (T.H.) To Amend Its Rules

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The Terre Haute City Council approved a special ordinance Thursday night which amends rules currently governing the council proceedings.

By a 5-3 vote, Pete Chalos, Larry Kirchner and Bill Jarvis voicing opposition, the council passed a measure which requires all ordinances and resolutions to be submitted "at least 24 hours in advance" of a City Council meeting.

The ordinance drew arguments from Chalos who said the council would be "restricted" if not allowed to introduce resolutions or new business "on the floor." Chalos said the council was already "too limited" and then voted against the bill.

In other business, the city legislators okayed special ordinances to establish no parking on the northside of Chase Street from 13th Street to the alley, and to establish no parking on Walnut Street near the YMCA, 200 S. 6th St.

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At two separate street intersections, yield signs are to be removed in lieu of stop signs.

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New stop signs are to be erected east and west at the intersection of 1st and Farrington streets, and at the intersection of 12th and Ash streets.

New business introduced on first reading Thursday night included \$500,000 for street resurfacing, two related appropriation ordinances totaling \$10,370 for a City Hall

bicentennial memorial, and a general ordinance fixing the schedule of rates and charges collected by the city of Terre Haute from the owners of property served by the sewage works. The ordinance calls for a flat rate charge of \$0.5624 per 100 cubic feet of water used or sewage discharged, rather than the current pro-rated schedule.

City Sewer (T-H)

Lower Home Sewer Rate Proposed

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By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

Lower rates for residential sewer service are proposed by an ordinance introduced for first reading at the Terre Haute City Council meeting Thursday night.

The ordinance received only first reading as new business and was placed in committee for consideration. It is scheduled for vote by the council at the June meeting.

The ordinance creates what was termed an "equitable user's rate" to distribute the cost of maintaining and operating the wastewater treatment system and the sewage collection system on an equitable basis.

The new equitable user rate system is to replace the discount system in use now, through which the small users pay the highest price per unit volume of sewage because they have smaller amounts or pay less money in rates. Under the new schedule of rates, all users are to pay for their portion of the system's loading.

According to Sewage Treatment Plant

figures, the small users pay 72 cents per 100 cubic feet of sewage with the large users paying about 16 cents per 100 cubic feet. Under the new proposed schedule, all users will pay about 56 cents for the service, a 16 cent reduction for the residential or small user.

The figures indicate the average homeowner now produces approximately 2500 cubic feet of sewage per quarter. The average homeowner's bill is now \$17.90 per quarter, but under the new system will be \$14.06 per quarter. This amounts to a 21 per cent savings for the average residential user.

The minimum sewage bill of \$8.46 per quarter will be discarded with the equitable user system. With the minimum bill, all users pay the \$8.46 for a minimum of 900 cubic feet of sewage per quarter at a cost of 94 cents per 100 cubic feet, regardless of whether that amount of sewage is produced. Under the new rate, those with 900 cubic feet of sewage will pay \$5.06, a savings of about 40 per cent; or, if less sewage is produced, the bill will only be for that amount of sewage.

Mayor William J. Brighton said in a

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time when all other costs are increasing he feels it is important to adopt the new rate schedule which will amount to savings for the city residents.

"This adjustment was a long time in coming and, although, the large users will have an increase in their rates, the adjustment is important to the average residential users who have been paying more than their shares," Mayor Brighton said.

The mayor pointed out getting rid of the minimum sewer bill will mean a great deal to the elderly and those on fixed incomes who sometimes do not produce the minimum amounts for which they are charged.

Mayor Brighton said the equitable user rate will allow the city to comply with the federal law which states that any municipally owned sewage utility participating in federal grant programs must establish equitable user rate systems. The mayor explained the discount system in operation now was established 11 years ago.

The mayor said more revenue will be generated by the equitable user's rate. He pointed out, too, that the new rate

provides for an annual adjustment to reflect any reduction in cost which is not provided by the discount rate.

Conservation of resources will also be encouraged with the new rate system, according to Mayor Brighton, since the large users will be charged more. He said a reduction in unnecessary waste of such resources as water, electrical power, fuel and natural gas will save money for the industry as well as save resources and provide space in the collection and treatment system for additional users. Mayor Brighton reported, too, that conservation of water or sewage will also reduce the flooding and overloading of sewers during rains and storms.

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The City Council can now adopt a resolution at the same meeting in which it is introduced. However, Special Ordinance 26, 1976, sponsored by Councilman Ken Thomas, requires that resolutions be filed 24 hours before meetings or that unanimous consent of the council be given for their consideration. Thomas' ordinance is slated for action Thursday night (May 13) at the council meeting.

Councilmen Pete Chalos and Bill Jarvis tried to kill the ordinance at their April meeting, when it was introduced as new business. However, in a 2 to 7 vote, all other members maintained that the amendment to council rules deserved a thorough examination.

Thomas told the Spectator that several months ago the council acted on a resolution just introduced without fully understanding what was being voted on. He said his ordinance would insure that measures received careful consideration, and that in the case of a public-support type resolution that came up at the last minute, unanimous consent of councilmen would be easy to obtain.

A resolution has no binding force, but serves as an expression of council sentiment. An ordinance, which carries the force of law, cannot be voted on at the same meeting at which it is introduced, except with unanimous consent. And even with consent, it must have been filed with the city clerk 24 hours before the session.

Bill Jarvis, city councilman, told the Spectator he hopes there will be a large citizen turn-out at the Thursday (May 13) council session, City Court, 7:30 p.m. Jarvis will introduce a resolution calling for indicted Fire Chief Leroy Shipley's salary to be placed in escrow until his innocence or guilt is determined in court.

Currently Mayor Bill Brighton has suspended Shipley with pay. Jarvis terms this a "paid vacation" and says other policemen and firemen are suspended without pay on lesser counts while charges against them are pending. Jarvis noted he would also like to introduce a resolution calling for a council investigation of the sewage disposal plant. (Recent news articles in the Indianapolis Star have indicated that the condition of the plant is seriously sub-standard, and that management is sloppy and ineffectual. The Star also reported that employees had made personal use of sewage plant equipment and supplies.)

Jarvis said he does not think operations at the plant have changed since the news reports came out. "A council investigation would be a good thing," Jarvis said, "if they'd really dig in. The trouble is that with this group any investigation would just be a farce. We'll just have to rely on the grand jury, I guess."

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Council to Hear Sewage Rate Bill

Over a half million dollars worth of appropriation ordinances and an ordinance lowering sewage rates for individual residents are among business to be considered by the Terre Haute City Council in the June meeting Thursday night.

The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom.

The ordinance allowing for the lowering of rates for sewer service amounts to the creation of what is termed an equitable user's rate. An equitable user's

rate distributes the cost of maintaining and operating the wastewater treatment system and the sewage collection system on an equitable basis to all users.

The new rate system will amount to a discount for most residents because under the current system, termed a discount system, the small users pay the highest price per unit volume of sewage. The larger users were given discounts because their final bills were much higher than the individual users.

The discount system also has a minimum sewage bill of \$8.46 per quarter which will be eliminated in the new rate schedule.

In the rate schedule under consideration Thursday night, the very large users will be charged higher rates because of the extra service they require from the sewage treatment and collection systems.

The new rate schedule will comply with federal standards, also, which state that any municipally-owned sewage utility participating in federal grant programs must establish an equitable user rate system. The current discount system was established 11 years ago.

The appropriation ordinances include one for \$500,000 for the Street Department for street improvements and two ordinances totaling \$10,370 for City Hall Bicentennial projects.

A \$55,000 appropriation ordinance providing for the renovation of the Rea Park clubhouse is to be considered for vote. The ordinance was originally introduced in the February meeting, but has been held in committee for consideration since that time. The money is to be taken from

federal revenue sharing funds.

Three money transfer resolutions will be considered by the council. They are for the transfers of \$3,500 in the Fire Department, \$3,000 in the deputy Engineers and Building Inspectors Department and \$1,100 in the Engineering Department.

Rezoning ordinances up for vote by the council Thursday night include properties at 15½ and Fort Harrison Rd., 101 to 105 N. 12th St., 1355 Walnut St. and 2101 Wabash Ave..

The council also will consider the sale of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park to the Illiana Commercial Development Corporation.

Traffic ordinances to be voted upon include the establishment of no parking on the south side of Locust Street from 13th to 25th streets, the erection of stop signs at Riley Avenue and Madison Boulevard and 13½ Street and Lee Avenue, and the erection of yield signs at 28th Street and 7th Avenue, 14½ and Linden

streets and 11th and Harrison streets.

Only four ordinances are scheduled to be introduced to the council in new business at Thursday's meeting.

An appropriation ordinance for \$32,000 for the motor vehicle highway fund will be introduced. The ordinance includes \$5,000 for services contractual, \$15,000 for materials and \$12,000 for current charges.

Traffic ordinances to be introduced are one for the erection of stop signs at 27th and Park streets and two more for the erection of yield signs at 9½ Street and Helen Avenue and at 9th Street and Helen Avenue.

The new business will probably be assigned to committees for report and vote at the July meeting.

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Council Appropriates Funds For Memorial

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Funds totaling \$7,370 to construct a bicentennial memorial near City Hall were passed by the Terre Haute City Council at a Thursday night meeting.

Al Carbon, a representative of Terre Haute Monument, Inc., presented a architect's draft of the proposed memorial

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to the City Council. The structure, to be handcarved, will stand 10 feet four inches tall. Time capsules are to be placed in the bottom of the memorial, it was announced.

The bicentennial monument is expected to be constructed by Labor Day, according to Carbon.

The City Council also passed a \$3,000 appropriation bill to purchase two flagpoles at City Hall.

Two related ordinances authorizing the sale of property at the Fort Harrison Industrial Park to Illiana Commercial Development Corporation were passed unanimously by the city legislators.

Robert Constantine, 2622 N. 12th St., was reappointed to the Redevelopment Commission by the council. Constantine is to serve another four-year term.

Two rezoning ordinances were passed by the City Council. Property at 1355 Walnut Street was reclassified to light industry from multiple residential and property at 101-105 N. 12th Street was rezoned to be used as a facility to receive damaged merchandise. The property is currently vacant.

An ordinance to rezone property at 2101 Wabash Avenue was tabled for further study.

The City Council also passed the following ordinances:

No. 31—An ordinance to establish no parking zone on southside of Locust Street, from 13th to 25th streets.

No. 32—An ordinance to erect

stop signs at Riley Avenue and Madison Boulevard.

No. 33—An ordinance to erect yield signs at 20th Street and Seventh Avenue.

No. 34—An ordinance to erect yield signs at 14½ Street and Linden Street.

No. 35—An ordinance to erect stop signs at 13½ Street and Lee Avenue.

No. 36—An ordinance to erect yield signs at 11th Street and Harrison Street.

Resolutions passed Thursday night included one to transfer \$3,500 for city fire department; transfer \$3,000 for department of engineers and building inspectors; and transfer \$1,100 for engineering department.

New business introduced on first reading were an ordinance to appropriate \$32,000 for the motor vehicle highway department; a measure to erect stop signs at 27th and Parks streets; and two bills to erect yield signs at 9th Street and Helen Avenue, and at 9½ Street and Helen Avenue.

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City Council Passes Sewage Ordinance

S JUN 1 1978
By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

An ordinance expected to lower the average water user's sewage bill approximately 21 per cent, but on the otherhand substantially increase the bills of large water users was passed Thursday night by the Terre Haute City Council.

The ordinance passed Thursday night provides for a flat charge of \$0.5624 per 100 cubic feet of water used or sewage

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discharged. Current sewage rates are based on a discounting system ranging from \$0.94 for the first 100 cubic feet of water used per month to \$0.16 per 100 cubic feet for quantities of water exceeding 100,000 cubic feet.

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David Arnold, superintendent of the city wastewater treatment plant, informed persons attending Thursday night's meeting the new sewage rates would call for a 21 per cent reduction in the average water user's sewage bill.

Local industries and commercial businesses will obviously feel the brunt of the new sewage rate schedule. Councilman William Jarvis, who voted against the ordinance, pointed out this fact and said the increased rates would "deter outside industries and businesses from locating in Terre Haute."

Councilman Pete Chalos introduced an amendment to the original sewage ordinance calling for the City Council to review the city sewage utility's budget. The amendment read:

"In order to properly execute the above stated duty, the Common Council shall by this ordinance be given and have vested in it the power and authority to approve and set all items in the yearly budget of the city sewage facility."

"The city sewage utility will submit its budget at the appropriate time, along with those of the other city departments, and the Common Council will exercise the same control over this budget as it does with those of the several city departments."

The new rates go into effect upon the signing of the ordinance by Mayor William J. Brighton. Review of the utility's budget by the City Council will commence with the preparation of the fiscal 1977 city budget.

In other business, the City Council approved unanimously a \$55,000 appropriation ordinance for renovation of the Rea Park clubhouse. The ordinance had been tabled since February.

A bill to appropriate \$500,000 for city street resurfacing was tabled following a request by Jack I. Neaderhiser, fourth district councilman. Neaderhiser said a schedule of streets to be resurfaced had not been completed and believed the funds should not be appropriated until the list is completed.

Interested citizens presented a petition urging the demolition of a home at 2302 N. 30th St. The property had been condemned last year, but local departments responsible for the tearing down of the home have failed to act.

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Sewer Rate Cut Approved

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By Terre Haute City Council (T.H.)

By Terre Haute Council

The Terre Haute City Council Thursday night passed an ordinance which will decrease the sewage rates for residential users and increase the rate for large users such as industries.

The council, meeting in the regular monthly session, approved three appropriation ordinances totaling \$65,370 while holding the largest appropriation ordinance, \$500,000 for the Street Department for street improvements, in committee.

The sewage rate ordinance changed the rate charged for collection of city sewage from a discount rate to an equitable user's rate. An equitable user's rate will lower most residential sewer bills.

The equitable rate distributes the cost of maintaining and operating the wastewater treatment system and the sewage collection system on an equitable basis to all users. The discount system, which has been in effect for 11 years, charged more for the small residential users per 100 cubic feet of sewage because discounts were given for the more sewage produced. In the discount rate, industries and businesses were given a price break because they were larger users.

Homeowners were charged 74 cents a cubic foot of sewage and large users charged 16 cents a cubic foot under the discount system. Also, a minimum sewage bill, which will not be charged under the equitable rate, of \$8.46 was charged in the discount system. Some small households did not produce that much sewage per billing period.

Under the new rate system, about a 21 per cent discount or

a reduction in the average sewage bill from about \$17.00 per quarter to \$14.06 will result for the resident.

The equitable user's rate schedule will comply with federal standards which state that any municipally-owned sewage utility participating in federal grant programs must establish an equitable user rate system.

The ordinance passed eight-to-one with Third District Councilman William Jarvis voting against it because he said it will discourage business and industry from locating in the city.

Appropriation ordinances passed were for \$35,000 for the renovation of the Rea Park clubhouse (which had been in committee since February), \$3,000 for two flagpoles for City Hall and \$7,370 for a Bicentennial memorial.

The major appropriation ordinance up for vote Thursday night was left in committee. The appropriation for \$500,000 for street improvement by the Street Department was left in committee until the council can meet with Mayor William J. Brighton to go over the specific projects proposed to be done with the money. Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser explained.

Rezoning ordinances approved were for properties at 101 to 105 N. 12th St. and 1355 Walnut St. An ordinance to rezone property at 2101 Wabash Ave. was held in committee until the July meeting and another ordinance for the rezoning of property at 15½ and Fort Harrison Road was stricken from the record.

Traffic sign ordinances approved were for stop signs at

Riley Avenue and Madison Blvd. and at 13½ Street and Lee Avenue and yield signs at 28th Street and 7th Avenue, 14½ and Linden streets and 11th and Harrison streets.

Also passed was an ordinance to establish no parking on the south side of Locust Street from 13th to 25th streets. Councilman Neaderhiser explained the street is narrow and numerous parked cars have been hit along the street. Councilman Jarvis was the only councilman to vote against the ordinance, saying he feels the street should be made one way instead.

The council approved the contract for the sale of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park to the Illiana Commercial Development Corporation. The agreement was entered into by the Board of Works and Safety last year, but the council wanted a few amendments to the contract before approving it.

Money transfer resolutions approved were for \$3,500 for the Fire Department; \$3,000 for the Department of Engineers and Building Inspectors; and \$1,100 for the Engineering Department.

New business placed in committee for study until the regular July meeting included one appropriation ordinance for \$32,000 for the Motor Vehicle Highway Department placed in the finance, contracts and franchises committee and traffic ordinances for stop signs at 27th and Park streets and yield signs at 9½ and Helen Avenue and 9th Street and Helen Avenue and were placed in the traffic safety, special health and welfare committee.

Firemen Urge Mayor, Council 'Live Up To Their Agreement'

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Urging the mayor and the Terre Haute City Council to "live up to their agreement," spokesmen for a local group of firemen Wednesday outlined reasons for a possible lawsuit to collect back wages they claim they have earned.

Three officers of International Association of Firefighters Local No. 758. James Brown, president; Paul Mason,

vice president, and Dick Hess, treasurer conducted a news briefing to cite alleged violations of the city ordinance setting salaries for city police and firemen. The trio represented the 55 firemen who are preparing legal action to recover back pay.

"The firemen's claim is simply for back wages, already earned. A law is as binding on one side as the other. Why do they, city administration, deny their responsibility in this matter?" quizzed Brown.

Brown said the city administration was confusing the issue of back wages with the current salary negotiations between all city police and firemen. He said:

"Why should they confuse what they owe us with what we are trying to get?"

The argument between the city administration and 55 firemen pertains to pay and days off for firemen who actually work on paid holidays. Police and firemen are paid for New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Two contrasting interpretations of the salary ordinance are the basis of a possible law suit to be filed by the firemen. The contrast centers on the amount of money paid firemen working holidays. One side claims the rate of pay should be based on the actual number of days worked during the year, while the other side claims the rate should be based on a 24-hour, 365-day calendar year.

"For example, most city firemen at the rank of private, work approximately 137 days per year at a base pay of \$8,525. This is an average of \$2.62 per hour, according to the spokesmen."

However, firemen working holidays are paid an average of 94 cents per hour, based on the 24-hour, 365-day schedule, the firemen stated.

The group seeking to recover the back wages said their action stems from an interpretation by John Ruckelshaus, at-

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torney for the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana. The city administration's opinion is apparently based on a recommendation by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The clause in the salary ordinance which has stirred the controversy reads:

"By virtue of the duties to be performed by members of the police and fire forces of the city of Terre Haute, it is necessary that some police and firemen work and perform their ordinary duties on such official holidays. Any member of the police and fire forces, who is required, in the normal course of his or her duties on any of the aforesaid holidays, a full working day off with his pay at the then prevailing rate of pay will be allowed for such day off."

Mason explained the city administration contends police and firemen should be paid on the basis of 24 hours per day for 365 days per year.

"At this rate, our hourly earnings would be 94-cents an hour for privates and \$1.36 per hour for those at the top level. Who wants to work 24 hours for \$22.50 on Christmas Day?" remarked Mason.

Mason pointed out the city actually paid firemen on the 24-hour, 365-day basis for certain holidays which were not allowed off.

Hess said firemen believe their rate of pay should be based on the number of days worked per year instead of the 365 calendar days per year.

"They say our claims are unjustified. Most people aren't even aware of the conditions a fireman is subjected to and the amount of pay he receives, for jeopardizing his life everytime there is a fire run. How many of them would be willing to earn 94-cents an hour on Christmas Day to fight fires?" asked Hess.

Hess concluded, "We ask the city administration to settle this matter and live up to their agreement. However, they seem more interested in using this as an excuse to deny us the right to future wage negotiations."

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City Council Studies New Salary Ordinance

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BY BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

Members of the Terre Haute City Council were to caucus Wednesday night to review a first draft of a new salary ordinance for city police and firemen.

The proposed ordinance was to be prepared by James Smock, city attorney, and was

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to be presented to the council members and Mayor William J. Brighton for consideration.

Currently, city administrators are engaged in a wage dispute with a group of city firemen who claim the city owes them back wages for work done on holidays. The dispute centers on a paragraph in the ordinance which states members of the police and fire forces who are required to work on official holidays shall be given a full working day off with pay at the then prevailing rate of pay.

The Star was informed Tuesday that changes in the language of the salary ordinance would be made to prevent future disputes concerning police and firemen wages.

A group of 55 firemen have announced they plan to take legal action, if necessary, to recover pay they have not received for working past holidays.

Mayor Brighton and members of the council said Tuesday they believe claims by the firemen are "unjustified"

and will participate in a lawsuit to settle the issue.

If firemen were to file a lawsuit and be successful, city administrators would have to pay approximately \$500,000 in back wages.

Jack Neaderhiser, fourth district councilman, said Tuesday he "sees no other way" to settle the wage dispute except to engage in court action.

"The claims by the firemen are unjustified and I personally believe we could prove that in court. Let's just get it settled once and for all. We'll just have to take our chances in court,"

Neaderhiser said the issue would be "nearly impossible" to settle out of court. He explained the signature of each city policeman and fireman would be necessary to prevent a class action suit. Each city policeman and fireman would have to declare he or she would not file individual suit to recover back wages before an out of court settlement could be made.

Spokesmen for the 55 firemen said Wednesday the signatures of police and firemen could be obtained to prevent court action if city administrators were willing to settle the issue out of court.

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The Council's Monument

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Councilmen, during their last City Council meeting, passed an ordinance, 9-0, to appropriate \$7,370 for a special 10'2", handcarved Bicentennial monument, which is slated to be completed by Labor Day. Just how much the monument will cost on completion, however, remains to be seen.

A local monument firm approached council members some months ago about the project, presented the fundamental plans, and hopes to be awarded the bid for the monument. The sales manager for the company asserts that quarries across the United States initiated a group of Bicentennial designs for the special monuments. Saying that the monument will be "beautiful," the plans call for granite, which is almost white in color. The sales manager says that initially, plans were to have the monument erected by July 4, but time ran out. The plans were first drawn Sept. 25, 1975.

It will be the decision of councilmen as to

where exactly the monument will be built, but councilmen at their last meeting were opting for a location close to City Hall. Also, the local schools' project of burying time capsules as a Bicentennial project was incorporated into the memorial plan.

The local special Bicentennial Committee, appointed by Mayor William Brighton and the County Council, was not approached for its advice on the current monument plans. When the final idea of a monument was presented to the committee some months back, it was vetoed, according to a spokesman.

The Green Horizons Committee of the Bicentennial Committee has been working to beautify the grounds of the Court House and City Hall. Furthermore, the Bicentennial Committee has done its work without special funding. The addition of one more monotonous, monolithic monument is the last thing Terre Haute and local taxpayers need--especially to the tune of \$7,370.

Patriotism is one thing. But a \$7,370 monument is a senseless waste of taxpayers' money. To begin, the local Bicentennial Committee's special plans, which will culminate July 3-5 at the fairgrounds, should have been adequate. However, if councilmen wished to leave Terre Haute with some timely memorial, they could have commissioned one of Terre Haute's many artists to do a unique and artistic piece for far less money than the appropriated amount. Since Terre Haute's monument is being conceived according to pat Bicentennial designs drawn up for implementation throughout the country, the plan is anything but original. The fact that plans call for a monument erected out of granite and carved by a quarry, makes the project look like a funeral monument. Finally, the entire project underlies merely another attempt to capitalize on the commercial aspect of the Bicentennial.

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Police, Firemen Ordinances Slated

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By COLLEEN SIMS
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Two salary ordinances for city police and firemen for 1977, which are basically the same as the 1976 salary ordinance and which provide no across-the-board pay raises, are to be introduced at the Terre Haute City Council meeting Thursday.

The council will meet in its July session at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

The ordinances call for no pay increases, except from \$60 to \$120 after 18 years with the departments.

The separate pay ordinances without any proposed across-the-board pay raises are to be introduced as the result of a caucus of the city council members. Mayor William J. Brighton and City Attorney James Smock with negotiators for the fire and police departments Tuesday night.

Controversy over possible pay increases for 1977 resulted after the city

administrators were informed that about 55 city firemen were threatening to sue the city for back pay for holidays they claim is due them through the salary ordinances since 1972. The threatened lawsuit, if successful, could amount to about a half million dollars or 60 cents on the tax rate, councilmen have estimated.

At the Tuesday night caucus, the negotiators were reportedly informed that the ordinances with no pay increases for 1977 would be introduced, but if the two departments would get all their personnel, including retirees since 1971, to sign that they would not sue the city, amendments allowing for pay increases would be considered before the ordinances are voted on in the August meeting of the council.

Both departments were given until July 15 to provide those signatures.

The original pay increase demands for 1977 from the two departments had been for \$1,200 across-the-board pay in-

creases, according to reports.

The threatened lawsuit arises out of different interpretations of the 1972 pay ordinance for the two departments, which has been used each year since. The firemen threatening to sue say they deserve triple time for their nine holidays a year, according to the ordinance, but the city administration interprets the ordinance as double time pay with an extra day off for a holiday worked.

To cover the salaries in this coming year's budget, two ordinances, one for firemen and one for policemen, will be introduced, instead of including them both in one as previously. The questionable language has been changed and also the increase after 18 years of service was changed.

In order to meet a new requirement of the Indiana State Board of Accounts, an ordinance will also be introduced listing salaries for all city personnel. The ordinance was filed with the city clerk Wednesday.

The ordinances will only be up for first reading at the July meeting Thursday and will not be voted upon until August, when the rest of the city budget is considered.

The major business up for vote at Thursday's meeting will be a \$500,000 appropriation ordinance for city street repairs. That ordinance was held in committee at the June meeting so that Mayor Brighton and the city street department could submit a specific list of streets to be repaired with the \$500,000.

The council is not expected to take final action on a rezoning ordinance for the use of the Schulte Convent for professional offices. The City Plan Commission, after its July 1 meeting, requested the council not take action.

Also to be voted on will be a \$32,000 appropriation ordinance for the motor vehicle highway fund, rezoning property at 2101 Wabash Ave., stop signs at 27th and Park streets.

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Salary Bill Calls for 4 Per Cent Increase

By COLLEEN SIMS
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Salary increases of about four per cent for most city employees and larger increases for department heads and key personnel are provided in a salary ordinance submitted for first reading at the Terre Haute City Council meeting Thursday.

The ordinance will receive only first reading at the 7:30 p.m. July meeting of the council at City Hall. The ordinance will be voted upon in the regular August meeting of the council.

Such an ordinance has never been filed for council consideration before. Salaries were just included in the budget for the upcoming year, which is approved by the council.

Mayor William J. Brighton reported the ordinance on all salaries was filed on instruction from the Indiana State Board of Accounts, which oversees all financial dealings of the city.

"The State Board of Accounts for the first time mandated the city to prepare this kind of salary ordinance," Mayor Brighton explained. "Other cities in the state have been doing this before, but the city of Terre Haute was not directed to do so until this year."

Mayor Brighton said the proposed salaries allow for an approximate four per cent increase for most of the city employees. He said that increases of more than four per cent have been provided for department heads and some key personnel.

Substantial increases were given to the City Attorney and the Assistant City Attorney, the mayor reported. The proposed pay for 1977 for the City Attorney is \$15,569 compared to \$12,569 for 1976 with \$12,916 proposed for the Assistant City Attorney who received \$9,916 this year.

The mayor explained the raises, say-

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ing, "In order to keep good attorneys, we have to come closer to paying salaries commensurate with their responsibilities."

He continued that he feels the attorneys have done a "fantastic job for the city" and pointed out about \$1 million in lawsuits have been saved the city in the last year and a half or two years by their work.

Department heads will receive substantial pay increases if the proposed ordinance is approved as submitted. The salaries are: \$17,016 for the City Engineer compared to \$15,016 this year; \$17,000 for the fire and police chiefs compared to \$14,660 this year; \$11,300 for the Park and Recreation Department superintendent compared to \$8,993 this year; and \$11,000 for the Street Commissioner compared to \$9,800 this year.

"Department heads have been substantially underpaid in our opinion and we are just trying to close the gap to

make their pay commensurate with their responsibilities," Mayor Brighton explained.

"In my opinion, the salaries are still not what they should be, but we are trying to be as fair under the circumstances as we know how to be," the mayor said.

Not receiving pay raises in the proposed ordinance will be the mayor at \$22,000, the City Clerk at \$15,000 and the City Judge at \$16,000. These three positions received sizable pay increases in the budget for 1976.

Also introduced for first reading at the council meeting Thursday will be salary ordinances for the police and firemen. In the submitted ordinances, no pay raises have been provided, but the police and firemen have been informed that the salaries are negotiable. The pay raises will reportedly depend on the end of a threat of lawsuit from both departments for back holiday pay.

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City Street Repair Assured By Council

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A half million dollars for street repairs was approved by the Terre Haute City Council in its regular July meeting Thursday night at City Hall.

The council also approved a several resolutions, including one for loaning of funds to the new city-county Hulman Field Aviation Authority until money can properly be transferred from the former city Board of Aviation Commissioners, a rezoning ordinance and three traffic ordinances.

Before the official council business began, the council heard from three northside boys who presented a petition with 155 signatures from their area requesting recreation facilities for the far northend. Tim Malooley, 13, John Moats, 12, and Joe McDowell, 14, told the councilmen that the nearest park for residents around Plaza North Shopping Center and the Terre Town area was Collett Park, which they explained is too far for children to ride on their bicycles.

The \$500,000 approved by the council for street repairs and improvements was the first appropriation ordinance for such a major street program passed this year. A list was submitted to the council by the Street Department and Mayor William J. Brighton naming all streets to be blacktopped, chip and sealed and slurry sealed. About 50 streets are scheduled for improvement in the program.

The ordinance had been up for vote in the June meeting but was held over until

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July for the list to be submitted to the council members.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the loaning of \$49,968.81 to the new Airport Authority at Hulman Field. The interest-free loan from the city would allow for the operation of the city-county authority until monies in two airport accounts used by the former city Board of Aviation Commissioners can be transferred. Ordinances were introduced on first reading to be voted on in the August meeting to appropriate \$48,719.13 for Aviation Surplus and \$1,249.68 for the Aviation Department to correctly transfer the funds.

An ordinance for the rezoning of property at 2101 Wabash Ave. for offices of Metropolitan Life Insurance was approved by the council.

Another ordinance for rezoning, one to rezone the convent at Schulte High School for professional offices, was stricken from the record. Correspondence from Councilman Asa Malooley, who was unable to attend the meeting, explained he wished to have the ordinance, which he submitted for consideration, stricken. He explained the ordinance had been submitted with the intention of helping the financial problems at the Catholic high school. He said he found out since that the entire school property would have to be rezoned and also any monies from the offices would go to the Archdiocese of Indiana for distribution to several Catholic institutions, not just Schulte High School.

Traffic ordinances approved were for yield signs at 9½ Street and Helen Avenue and 9th Street and Helen Avenue and stop signs at 27th and Park streets.

Resolutions approved were for transfers of \$33,000 for the cumulative capital improvement fund for the Park and Recreation Department and \$28.50 for the City Judge's Account.

New business assigned to committee included three salary ordinances on pay for city police, city firemen and other city employees; appropriation ordinances for \$3,500 for the Weights and Measures Department, \$2,500 for the City Judge and \$12,000 for the Board of Public Works and Safety; zoning ordinances for properties at 1124 Sycamore St., 408 N. 12th St. and 750 Oak St.; and traffic ordinances for stop signs at 12th Street and 6th Avenue and 4th Street and Maiden Lane.

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Session Thursday

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The Terre Haute City Council is to meet in special session Thursday night to consider several items, with the major issue expected to be the police and firemen wage ordinances.

The special meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall Courtroom.

Other items of business are expected to include final approval of salaries for all other city employees first reading of a \$30,000 appropriation ordinance to replace a utility building at Highland Lawn Cemetery which was recently destroyed by fire, and a resolution honoring Indiana State University gymnast Kurt Thomas, who is competing in the Olympics.

Between now and the special session negotiators for the police and firemen are expected to meet with the council and Mayor William J. Brighton in an effort to reach some agreement on their salaries for the coming year.

The negotiations over pay increases for the next year have become entangled with a threatened lawsuit for back holiday pay by 55 firemen. The firemen claim that according to ordinances from 1972 to 1976 they should have been paid triple time for holiday work instead of the double time paid by the city administration.

Firemen said they were paid on the basis of 365 days a year for the division of their annual salary for overtime pay instead of on the basis of the actual number of days worked in the year, which would be less and divide into a higher amount of overtime pay.

The council claims the threatened lawsuit if won by the firemen would have to be applied to all police and firemen since they were covered in the same ordinances. It would cost over a half million dollars.

The council has demanded the members of the police and fire departments sign releases saying they will not sue for the back pay before salary increases for next year are considered.

Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb said, "We are trying to be responsible to the taxpayers — as long as this lawsuit is outstanding, we do not feel we can afford to give pay raises."

Lamb said the police department members have signed the release, but reported very few signatures from fire department members have been obtained.

"We don't feel the fire department negotiating committee made a real effort to obtain the signatures," Lamb said, adding though that the "door is still open" for the fire department to get the signatures.

James Brown, president of the firefighter's union and a member of the negotiating

committee told The TRIBUNE he could not support the release, saying he felt it is "too inclusive" and "violates the civil rights of an individual."

Brown reported though that he felt the negotiations Monday night took a surprising swing toward the positive side and the council and the negotiators were kicking around a settlement on the lawsuit issue. He added that he was waiting Tuesday for a call on another negotiating session between the groups.

Councilman Lamb did not indicate that such a settlement had been discussed. He said the council members would have another meeting and said no meeting had been arranged with the firemen's negotiators but such a meeting is possible.

Lamb reported Tuesday that a new effort was being made outside the negotiating committee to obtain the requested release signatures in the fire department.

He reported that since the salary ordinances for the police and firemen are separated this year unlike in the past, that the council will discuss pay increases for the police department considering that the release have been obtained from that department.

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Police, Fire Pay Hikes Expected to Be Approved

By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

Terre Haute police and firemen along with other city employees will evidently receive pay increases in salary ordinances expected to be approved in a special session of the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night.

The council is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall Courtroom to vote on ordinances setting the salary schedules for 1977 for all city employees, with separate ordinances for the police and firemen.

Other business is expected to include first reading of a \$30,000 appropriation ordinance for the replacement of a utility building at Highland Lawn Cemetery which was destroyed recently by fire and a resolution honoring Indiana State University gymnast Kurt Thomas, who is competing in the Olympics.

The ordinances setting the salary schedules for the police and firemen were expected to receive much debate at the meeting, since the ordinances were originally introduced allowing for no in-

creases in pay for those two departments. The salary ordinance for all other city employees included pay increases for all but the elected officials.

City Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb indicated Thursday, though, that the salary schedules for the police and firemen will be amended at the meeting. He did indicate there would be increases but did not specify those increases.

The requested increase of the two departments had reportedly been \$1,200, but council sources indicated that the increases would not be that high.

A problem with pay increases for the two departments developed when salary negotiations became entangled with a threat of a lawsuit by 55 firemen for back pay they stated was due them for overtime work. The firemen interpreted the salary ordinances from 1971 through 1976 to allow for triple overtime pay instead of the double overtime allowance the city had been paying.

City Councilmen estimated if the firemen won such a suit, since the back pay would then be due all members of the police and fire departments, that it could cost the city over a half million dollars.

The council therefore demanded members of the two departments to sign releases stating they would not sue for such back pay before any pay raises for 1977 would be considered.

Early reports were that all but two of the required signatures of active and retired policemen had been obtained but only a few signatures of the fire department members were obtained.

Council President Lamb reported Thursday, though, that 80 per cent of the fire department active and retired members had signed the releases. He said the police department count still stood at all but two of the signatures needed.

The council members, along with Mayor William J. Brighton and City Controller Joan Hetherington, had originally requested the negotiating teams to obtain the signatures which they were requiring. After the signatures had not been obtained from the Fire Department members, the administrators reportedly met with the officers of the fire department earlier this week to coordinate an effort to get the signatures.

Lamb said the council met in caucus Wednesday night, with all but Councilmen Asa Malookey, who was out of town, and William Jarvis present, to decide on the salary increases for the two departments. Lamb indicated the

seven councilmen present were in "complete agreement" of the pay increases decided.

The increases will be proposed as amendments to the original pay ordinances Thursday night in the special meeting.

The salary ordinance for all other city employees is not expected to face opposition. Mayor Brighton reported it allows about four per cent increases for most employees.

The Salary ordinances must be approved before the proposed city budget is approved by the council in August.

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Ordinance to Give Firemen \$100 More

City Council (T.H.)
Fire Dept (T.H.)
BY COLLEEN S. SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

A salary ordinance to make pay raises for Terre Haute firemen equal to those for policemen in 1977 is to be the topic of the second special City Council meeting this month scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

Five members of the nine-member City Council signed a call for the special meeting Sunday.

According to the councilmen who signed the call, they intend to introduce an ordinance to give firemen an additional \$100 pay raise for 1977.

The council last Thursday approved \$500 pay increases for the policemen and \$400 increases for the firemen for next year.

The council for the first time in the history of the city made the pay differential due to the possibility of a lawsuit by several firemen for back holiday pay they claim is due them.

The wage negotiations by the two departments with the city councilmen and Mayor William J. Brighton became entangled with the threat of a lawsuit by about 55 firemen who claim they are due triple time pay for holidays from 1972 through 1976 instead of double time pay as has been paid by the city.

City council members have estimated that if the firemen win such a lawsuit it would cost the city over a half million dollars because the back pay would be due to all members of the two departments since they are all covered in the same pay ordinances for the five-year period.

The \$100 difference in pay for the two departments came about after the council requested the negotiating teams for the departments obtain releases from their active and retired members stating that they would not sue for the back pay. Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb explained at the meeting the pay increases were decided according to the percentage of signatures obtained within the departments — with the Police Department obtaining nearly 100 per cent and the Fire Department a little over 75 per cent.

The ordinance to equalize the pay increases for 1977 is to be introduced Thursday because the councilmen have

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Learned that the firemen distributing the releases to be signed within their department were told by Mayor Brighton that if they got 125 signatures that the pay increases for the two departments would be equal, according to the councilmen who called the special meeting.

Signing the call for the meeting were First District Councilman Pete Chalos, Fourth District Councilman Jack Neaderhiser, Fifth District Councilman Kenneth Thomas, and Councilmen-at-large Larry Kirchner and Thomas Lenahan.

Councilman Kirchner said the council felt that "even though we hadn't told them that" (concerning the guaranteed equal raise with 125 signatures), "they should receive it if they were promised it."

The councilmen calling the meeting said they had talked with several firemen who all indicated they had been told the same.

Councilman Chalos said the council will suspend the rules for a final vote on the ordinance after the first reading if the unanimous consent of the council is obtained. If the unanimous agreement cannot be reached, he said another special meeting would probably be called for Tuesday.

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City Council Gives \$500 Raise To Police, \$400 To Firemen

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By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Ignoring overwhelming opposition to a proposed salary ordinance, the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night granted city policemen a \$500 across-the-board increase while holding city firemen to a \$400 annual raise.

The difference in pay hikes stemmed from the police department's "cooperation" and the fire department's "lack of cooperation," in regard to liability releases. The City Council requested police and firemen to sign. The releases, in essence, would relieve the city of liability of claims recently made by a group of city firemen which claims the Terre Haute administration owes them back holiday pay.

According to John "Pete" Lamb, City Council president 107 of 110 city policemen signed the releases, while only 128 of 167 city firemen signed them. Lamb said the raises were computed on the "ratio" of police signatures as compared to the fire department signatures.

The fire department salary ordinance was unanimously passed, but narrowly escaped death "on the floor" when the bill failed to receive a second to the motion. Councilman Jack I. Neaderhiser moved the bill be adopted and passed, but after a long minute of silence and no second to the motion, President Lamb yielded the chair to fellow councilman Thomas Lenahan. Once Lenahan presided over the meeting, Lamb seconded the motion and the ordinance was voted on and subsequently passed. Without Lamb's "emergency" action, the measure would have "died" without the necessary second of the motion, or at least a new, separate motion would have had to be made.

A group of local labor leaders attended the City Council meeting and all criticized the city legislators for their lack of "good faith" bargaining with the fire department. In fact, Gene Dabelow, president of the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council, presented the following resolution:

"Whereas, City councilmen Pete Lamb, Tom Lenahan, and Ken Thomas are all union members, and

"Whereas, City councilmen William Jarvis, Jack Neaderhiser, and Pete Chalos come from a union background, and

"Whereas, Mayor William Brighton still carries a card in Typographical Union Local 76.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council concludes that these officials understand the bargaining process very well, and urges the Mayor and City Council to negotiate with Terre Haute Fire Fighters Local 758 instead of issuing ultimatums to them, and

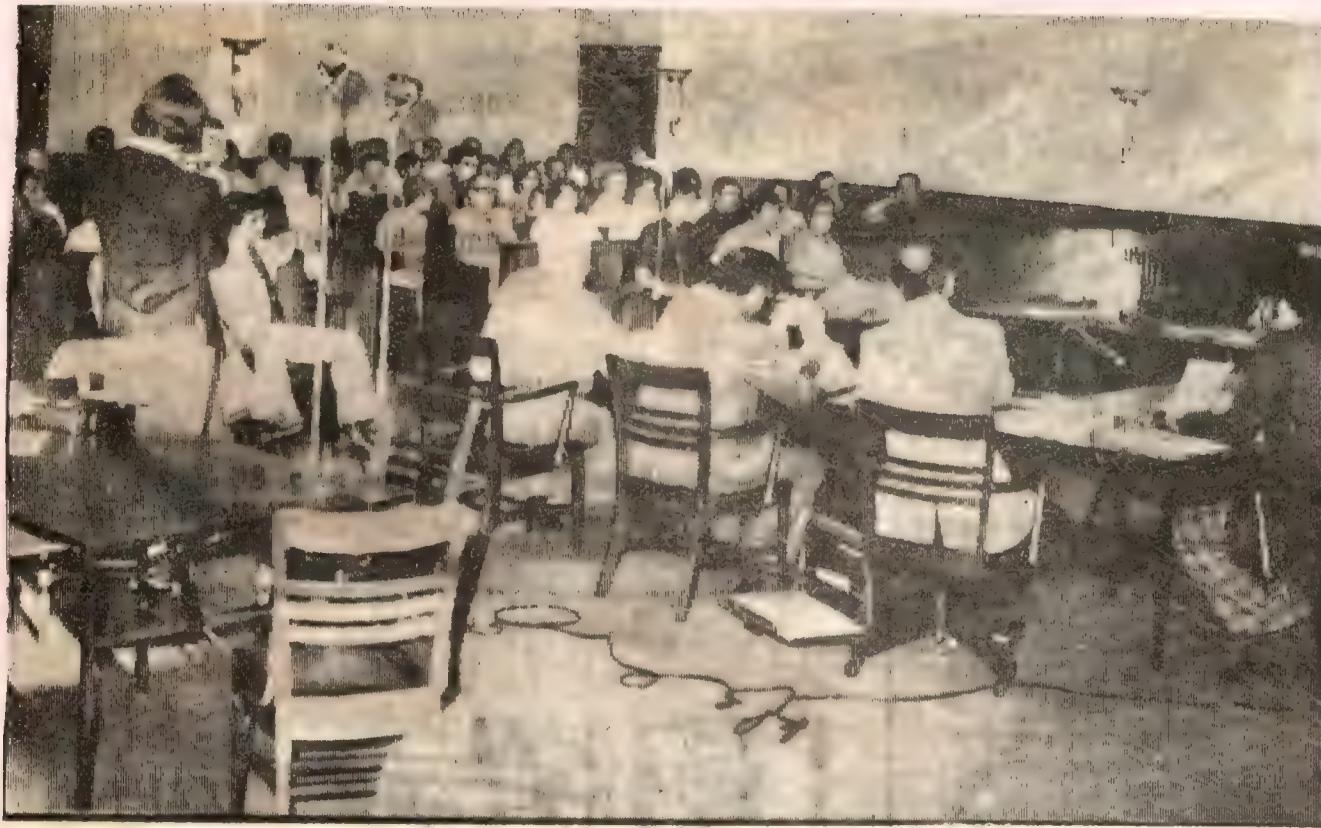
Be it further resolved: That the Central Labor Council offer to help the Mayor and the City Council select a panel of unbiased taxpayers to consider this matter which concerns us all."

The "ultimatum" referred to by Dabelow was the liability release the City Council requested all city police and firemen to sign. Dabelow called the release "nothing but a yellow dog contract."

Todd Jorritsma, representing the executive board of Teamsters Local 144, said the differences in pay raises between the city police and city fire departments was a "pathetic issue" and stated he was appalled with the bargaining tactics used by the City Council.

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SEPARATE PAY RAISES GIVEN—A capacity crowd filled the City Hall Courtroom Thursday night to witness the Terre Haute City Council offer separate pay increases for city police and firemen. Police were given a \$500 across-the-board wage boost, while firemen were granted only \$400 across-the-board hikes.

The difference in salary increases stems from lack of cooperation by the fire department wage negotiating team in reference to "liability releases" they were requested to sign.

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Many Speak Out Against TH Council Wage Action

JUL 23 1976

By J. BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

There was a considerable number of differing opinions as the Terre Haute City Council

year. The bill would most likely remedy a problem that has resulted in threats of legal action to recover back holiday pay.

Pete Chalos, First District councilman, said the Terre Haute Fire Department "needs new leadership at the top" and because of the lack of leadership has failed to be adequately represented at the bargaining table.

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passed Thursday night two separate salary ordinances, one granting police a \$500 annual pay boost and another granting firemen \$400 increases.

Labor leaders from the Terre Haute area, retired firemen, several local active firemen and even a firefighter from Jeffersonville spoke out publicly against the City Council's action.

"We in fact have had no negotiations, have we gentlemen," asked Dick Hess, representative of the fire department wage negotiating team?

Hess criticized the City Council for failing to offer a "figure" that the negotiating team could take back to its members for consideration.

"All you have done is to tell us to do this and do that, but you have never talked dollar figures. What kind of negotiating is that? Gentlemen, you have a good fire department. You better stick by us, we've stuck by you," emphasized Hess.

James Carter, representing the firefighters state union, stated he was in "disbelief" of the local bargaining tactics used by the City Council while setting salaries for the Terre Haute Fire Department. Carter, of Jeffersonville, cited salaries for his home town of approximately 22,000 which averaged about \$600 above the base salary of Terre Haute firemen.

Carter, speaking about the difference in raises between police and firemen, said, "Both departments risk their lives every day. It appears both departments should be paid equally."

Joe Harrison, a retired firemen, said he was disappointed the City Council was "penalizing" the fire department for "speaking for something they think they are entitled."

Councilman-at-large Larry Kirchner said he is to introduce an ordinance next month that would call for city firemen to be paid for holidays on a salary schedule based on the actual number of days worked per

Firemen Get Raises Equal to Policemen

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By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

Terre Haute firemen were given pay raises equal to the city policemen in a special council meeting Monday night.

Only six councilmen attended the special meeting Monday, the second special meeting called this month.

According to several councilmen, the special meeting was called to equalize pay raises for 1977 for the police and fire department members.

In the first special meeting of the month last Thursday, the council approved pay increases for 1977 of \$500 for policemen and \$400 for firemen.

Unequal pay increases were approved for the first time in the history of the city because of a dispute with several firemen over a possible lawsuit claiming back overtime pay.

The wage negotiations for next year by the two departments with the City Council and Mayor William J. Brighton had become entangled with the threat of a lawsuit by about 55 firemen who claim they are due triple time pay for holidays from 1972 through 1976. The city claims the wage ordinances for those years provides only for double time pay.

Council members estimated if the firemen could win such a lawsuit it would cost the city over a half million dollars in back pay and court costs. The members pointed out the back pay would be due to all members of both departments if the firemen would win the case.

Due to the threat of lawsuit, the council requested the department negotiators obtain the signatures of active and retired members stating that they would not file such a suit before wage negotiations would be considered.

Wage ordinances for the departments were introduced in the regular July meeting and provided for no across-the-board pay increases for the departments. Councilmen said the increases could be added as amendments if the signatures were obtained.

The \$100 difference in pay for the two departments was voted on in the first special meeting last Thursday because the police department had nearly 100 per cent of the requested signatures while the fire department had a little over 75 per cent, according to Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb. Lamb said at that meeting that the increases were decided according to the percentage of

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According to a release from the five councilmen Sunday, the "newly discovered information" was Mayor William J. Brighton had told firemen if they obtained 125 signatures that their increases would be the same as the policemen. Fire department signatures reportedly totaled 128.

The council members attending the meeting Monday, which included the five making the call for the special meeting and Third District Councilman William Jarvis, voted unanimously for the ordinance to make the pay equal despite protests from two representatives of the police department negotiation team.

Officers Everett Basham and Jerry Hawk stated that they were told by the council that if they obtained more signatures that they would get greater raises for their department. They said they felt they had been "lied" to just as the firemen claimed they had been misled.

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Council May Override Mayor's Veto of Firemen's Pay Raise

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By COLLEEN SIMS
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A special City council meeting has been called for 7 p.m. Thursday by several councilmen in an effort to override Mayor William J. Brighton's veto of a \$100 pay increase ordinance for city firemen.

A survey of the city councilmen by The TRIBUNE indicated the override vote would have at least five votes in favor, one against and three votes pending.

A two-thirds majority vote (or six votes) is necessary to override the veto.

In favor of the override are councilmen Pete Chalos, Jack Neaderhiser, Kenneth Thomas, Thomas Lenahan and Larry Kirchner. Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb reported he would vote against the override.

Councilman William Jarvis said he is still considering what stand he will take and Councilman Asa Malooley, who has

been ill, said he does not expect to attend the meeting. Councilman Eugene Trummel was out of town until Thursday and unavailable for comment. (Trummel had not attended either of the two previous meetings in which the police and firemen pay increases were considered.)

The council approved the \$100 pay increase for firemen for 1977, which makes their pay increase equal to that of city policemen, in a special meeting July 26. The Council had approved originally on July 22 pay increases of \$400 for firemen and \$500 for policemen.

The five councilmen who indicated they would vote to override the mayor's veto called the special meeting on July 26 to add the \$100 to equalize the two pay increases, stating that they had been informed that the mayor had promised the equal pay increases to the firemen.

Mayor Brighton, when he announced his veto Tuesday, said he had not made

such a promise and that the councilmen did not check with him to see if he had. He reported he was out of town at the time the meeting was called to consider the extra pay increase.

The dispute originally arose from the possibility of a lawsuit by firemen who claimed they were due triple time pay for holidays instead of double time as paid to them. The councilmen and the mayor had requested releases of city liability in such a case be signed by members of the police and fire departments before wage increases for next year were considered.

When the unequal pay increases were approved on July 22, the councilmen said they were voting for the differential according to the percentage of liability from the departments, since the policemen obtained nearly 100 per cent of the requested signatures and the firemen obtained a little over 75 per cent.

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Firemen to Get Equal Pay

City Council Blocks Mayor's Salary Veto

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By COLLEEN SIMS
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The Terre Haute City Council Thursday night voted to override a mayoral veto of an ordinance to make pay raises equal for city police and firemen next year.

The five councilmen calling the special meeting in an effort to override Tuesday's veto of a \$100 pay increase ordinance for firemen were joined in their votes by Councilmen William Jarvis and Eugene Trummel to end up with one vote over the two-thirds majority necessary to override a veto.

The vote was seven to one, with Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb the only councilman voting to uphold Mayor William J. Brighton's veto.

Mayor Brighton Tuesday vetoed the \$100 pay increase for firemen approved in a special council meeting July 26. The

councilmen calling that meeting reported the extra \$100 was being approved because Mayor Brighton had promised firemen pay raises equal to policemen and in the July 22 meeting the council had given the firemen \$400 increases and the policemen \$500 increases.

The differential was then made according to the percentage of liability from the departments on a possible lawsuit claiming back pay for holidays, according to the council July 22. They had requested members of the departments sign forms releasing the city from liability in the event of such lawsuits. About 100 per cent of the policemen had signed while a little over 75 per cent of the firemen had signed, the council reported then.

Mayor Brighton Tuesday when he announced his veto of the extra \$100 which

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was added July 26 said that he had not promised equal pay raises to the firemen and that none of the councilmen had checked with him to see if he had before approving the extra money.

The five councilmen calling the special meeting said they had checked with officers of the Fire Department and they reported the promise had been made. The councilmen were Pete Chalos, Jack Neaderhiser, Kenneth Thomas, Larry Kirchner and Thomas Lenahan.

The five councilmen were joined in their votes to override by Councilmen Jarvis and Trummel, who had reported earlier Thursday they had not yet decided how they would vote.

When asked why he added his vote to those to override the veto, Councilman Jarvis said, "I hardly know myself — I'm disgusted with the whole outfit, but I

thought the pay should be even."

Councilman Trummel, who had not attended the two previous meetings in which action had been taken on the salary increases and who had been out of town at the time of the mayor's veto, said he decided to vote to override because, "What I'd heard was apparently true that the firemen had been promised the same raise as the policemen if they got the signatures. I felt obligated to support the firemen."

"Secondly, I felt like the council should make up our own mind and not be overly influenced by the mayor," Trummel concluded.

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Councilmen Give Views on Veto In Pay Dispute

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By COLLEEN SIMS
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Only one more vote is necessary for the City Council to override the veto of a \$100 pay increase ordinance for city firemen, according to reports from the city councilmen to The TRIBUNE Thursday.

A special council meeting has been called for 7 p.m. Thursday in an effort to override the veto of Mayor William J. Brighton of an ordinance approved by the City Council July 26 for an additional \$100 pay increase for city firemen for next year. The additional ordinance made equal the pay increases for police and firemen next year.

The council had on July 22 approved \$400 pay increases for the firemen and \$500 pay increases for the policemen. When approving the extra \$100 for the firemen, the councilmen calling the special meeting said the extra money was approved because they had been told Mayor Brighton promised equal pay raises to the firemen.

Six votes are necessary to override a mayoral veto and five councilmen have indicated they definitely will vote in favor of canceling the veto. The five councilmen called Thursday's meeting and also called the July 26 meeting in which the extra \$100 was approved.

The five councilmen expected to vote to override the veto are Pete Chalos, Jack Neaderhiser, Kenneth Thomas, Thomas Lenahan and Larry Kirchner.

Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb has reported he will vote to uphold Mayor Brighton's veto.

The deciding vote apparently is resting upon Councilman William Jarvis. He voted in favor of the \$100 ordinance July 26, but told The TRIBUNE Thursday that he still hadn't decided how he would vote if he attended Thursday's meeting.

"About the only thing I've decided is that I'm disgusted with the whole outfit," Councilman Jarvis reported Thursday morning. He had said earlier he was "ashamed of the whole bunch for getting in a mess like this — the firemen, policemen, council and mayor."

Councilman Eugene Trummel could also provide a deciding vote but said Thursday he had not decided if he would attend the meeting or, if he attends, how he will vote. Councilman Trummel said he had been out of town until Wednesday night and he was not sure of "what's going on." Trummel did not attend either of the two previous meetings which decided the police and firemen's pay for 1977.

Councilman Asa Malooley has been ill and also was not at the previous meetings. He reported he does not expect to attend Thursday's session.

Council President Lamb, in his lone stand to uphold the veto, said he would vote against overriding the mayor's decision because he felt the council was wrong in approving the extra \$100 on the word of someone else that the mayor had promised the money to the firemen.

"I feel we should have waited until we had the opportunity at least to hear the other side of the story (that being the mayor's side)," Lamb said.

Mayor Brighton reported

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when he announced his veto Tuesday that he had not promised equal pay raises for the firemen. He said no councilman contacted him to ask if he had.

The five councilmen who said they would vote to override the veto said:

Chalos — "When it comes to nine fire officers, they can't all be wrong. The mayor has been wrong too often before. I think the men were treated unfairly. This is just one of the many misunderstandings we've had because of misinformation."

Neaderhiser — "The information received about the equal pay raises was from officers of the Terre Haute Fire Department. Their names will not be disclosed because of possible demotion and harrassment they would receive. I have no reason to dispute their word, therefore, I will vote to override the mayor's veto."

Thomas — "I thought at the time of the special meeting that I was right and at this time I have not changed my mind."

Lenahan — "The principle of the matter is why I voted on the \$100 and that is why I will vote to override the mayor's veto. It is not because I am aligning myself with any certain group or faction of the City Council but because I have talked with my constituents and I feel I am doing the right thing by overriding the veto. I feel both firemen and policemen are doing dangerous jobs and should be paid the same."

Kirchner — "I talked with enough people and firemen to firmly believe we should give it (the extra \$100) to them."

TH Council To Study 1977 Proposed Budget

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Meeting for the fifth time in six weeks, the Terre Haute City Council is to conduct its August session Thursday and new business is to highlight the meeting.

The City Council met in regular session July 8 and then conducted three consecutive special call meetings July 22, July 26, and Aug. 5 to consider, reconsider and finally pass equal pay raises for city policemen and city firemen.

Thursday's meeting, to be at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, is to be highlighted by first reading of an ordinance to establish the 1977 city budget. The proposed budget for next year is \$6.62 million with a proposed tax levy of \$4.56.

Other new business to be introduced on first reading is an ordinance to rezone property south of Davis Avenue which is the planned site for a new hospital.

Hospital Corporation of America is the petitioner requesting the rezoning of the 40-acre site which is currently zoned agriculture (0-1). The property is to be rezoned limited community commerce

(C-2). Pete Chalos is sponsor of the ordinance.

Another ordinance to be considered by the City Council is a request to rezone property at 1124 Eagle St. The property is to be used as a "thrift store" for Light House Mission, Inc.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser has introduced a bill to establish one-way streets from 19th to 25th streets on First, Second and Third avenues. The ordinance calls for one-way traffic east on First and Third avenues, and one-way west on Second Avenue from 19th Street to 25th Street.

Appropriation ordinances to be introduced Thursday include \$20,000 for street department equipment; \$8,000 for the Park and Recreation Department (road construction), \$12,000 for the local infant care feeding program, and \$3,000 for Hyte Center.

Matters to receive second reading include the following:

(1) An ordinance to appropriate \$3,500 for Weights and Measures Department.

(2) An ordinance to appropriate \$2,500 for City Judge.

(3) An ordinance to appropriate \$12,000 for Board of Public Works and Safety.

(4) An ordinance to appropriate \$48,719.13 for Aviation Surplus.

(5) An ordinance to appropriate \$1,249.68 for Aviation Department.

Final action is also slated for ordinances to rezone property at 1124 Sycamore St., 408 N. 12th St., and 750 Oak St. Other ordinances to be considered include ones to erect stop signs at 12th Street and Sixth Avenue, and at Fourth Street and Maiden Lane.

A number of resolutions requesting departmental

transfers are also to be considered by the City Council.

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Budget Reading Before Council

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The proposed \$6.62 million budget for the city for 1977 is to be introduced for first reading at the August meeting of the Terre Haute City Council Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

The proposed budget is expected to be assigned to the committee of the council as a whole for further study and discussion until the necessary approval before the end of the month.

The proposed budget, as announced by Mayor William J. Brighton Monday, contains an 81-cent tax rate increase above the 1976 budget of \$6.06 million with a tax rate of \$3.75. The tax rate according to the proposed budget would be \$4.56.

The council is expected to trim the budget somewhat, though. Mayor Brighton indicated Monday he expected them to cut up to five or six cents from the proposed tax rate figure.

A special council meeting is expected to be called Monday, Aug. 30, for the council to vote on the budget. By state law, the yearly budget of a city must be approved by the end of August of the proceeding year.

Business scheduled to receive second readings, and votes by the council Thursday include two major appropriations for the Hulman Field Airport. Appropriations of \$48,719.13 for Aviation Surplus and \$1,249.68 for the Aviation Department are to be voted upon and are expected to receive approval.

The airport appropriations are necessary to transfer the funds of the former Terre Haute Board of Aviation Commissioners to the city-county Airport Authority. Resolutions were approved in the regular July meeting to allow for the funds to be loaned to the airport authority until the transfer could be made to provide for the authority to meet operating expenses.

Other ordinances up for vote Thursday will be an ordinance

to appropriate \$12,000 for the Board of Public Works and Safety, \$3,500 for Weights and Measures Department and \$2,500 for the City Judge.

Votes are to be taken also on ordinances to erect stop signs at 12th Street and Sixth Avenue and Fourth Street and Maiden Lane and to rezone properties at 1124 Sycamore St., 408 N. 12th St. and 750 Oak St.

Several resolutions for departmental money transfers are to be considered by the council.

Also in the new business and scheduled for first reading, along with the proposed city budget, will be an ordinance to rezone the property for the new Terre Haute Regional Hospital to be built on the sight of the old

Paul Cox Field south of South Vigo High School by the Hospital Corporation of America. The site of the new hospital, on which construction is scheduled to begin in April, 1977, is to be rezoned for limited community commerce from agriculture.

Another rezoning ordinance for first reading will be for property at 1124 Eagle St. to be used as a thrift store for the Light House Mission, Inc.

One way streets on First, Second and Third avenues from 19th to 25th streets will be proposed in traffic ordinances up for first reading and committee study. The proposal would make First and Third avenues for one-way eastbound traffic and Second Avenue for one-way westbound traffic.

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\$6.62 Million Budget Assigned Council Study

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By COLLEEN SIMS

Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council Thursday night heard first reading of the proposed \$6.62 million budget for the city and assigned it to the committee of the council as a whole for study before approval by the end of the month.

City Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb said the council had actually already met in caucus to begin study of the proposed budget before its first reading Thursday night.

The council voted on several appropriation ordinances, also, approving all but one of those scheduled for vote, and voted on the rezoning of one property site and the erection of stop signs at two city intersections.

The council is expected to meet in caucus several times this month to consider the proposed budget. The budget was announced by Mayor William J. Brighton earlier in the week.

The proposed 1977 budget calls for a tax rate of \$4.56 — an increase of 81-cents over the 1976 budget of \$6.06 million. The tax rate had been cut in the proceeding three years of the current city administration.

The council will meet with the mayor, City Controller Joan Hetherington and city department heads in making its ruling on the budget. The council can make reductions in the proposed budget, but no increases.

State law mandates the 1977 budget be approved by the end of August. The special council meeting for vote on the budget is expected to be called Aug. 30.

On the reading of the budget, Councilmen Jack Neaderhiser and Pete Chalos, after checking over the budget again at the meeting, said they wanted to be sure the appropriation ordinance approved by the council, after a veto by the mayor, allowing for an extra \$100 for firemen to make pay for firemen and policemen equal was in the budget. They said the administration had left it

out when the budget was first compiled.

A special ordinance fixing tax levies for the city was also introduced for first reading and the amount of that tax levy will depend on the council's action on reducing the budget.

Appropriation ordinances approved by the council were for \$3,500 for a new automobile for the Weights and Measures Department, \$2,500 for pro tems and special judges for the City Judge, \$48,719.13 for aviation surplus and \$1,249.68 for the aviation department to complete the transfer of Hulman Field from the Terre Haute Board of Aviation Commissioners to a city-county Airport Authority; and \$30,000 for the cemetery to rebuild a storage and garage building destroyed by fire.

A \$12,000 appropriation ordinance for the Board of Public Works and Safety to provide in-

surance for city properties in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote for approval. The defeat came after some confusion on the purpose of the money was expressed.

Property at 750 Oak Street was rezoned from a two-family residential to limited community commerce where a small sporting goods store is to be opened.

Stop signs were approved for intersections at 12th Street and Sixth Avenue and Fourth Street and Maiden Lane.

Resolutions approved were for the transfer of \$4,500 for the motor vehicle highway department, \$12,058 for the fire department, \$7,000 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$5,000 and \$5,900 for the Park and Recreation Department and \$1,700 for the Board of Cemetery Regents.

Appropriation ordinances in new business assigned to committee for study were \$20,000 for the motor vehicle highway department, \$8,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department, \$12,000 for an Infant Care Feeding program, and \$3,000 for Hyte Community Center.

Rezoning ordinances put in committee were for the site of the new Terre Haute Regional Hospital south of Davis Avenue and west of Seventh Street, for a Light House Mission Thrift Store at 1124 Eagle and for commercial use at 1925 Fifth Ave.

A traffic ordinance assigned to committee was to establish one-way traffic on First, Second and Third avenues.

An ordinance amending the salary and benefit ordinance of firmen was assigned to the committee of the whole for study. The ordinance is to specify vacation and holiday time off, according to reports.

Three northside youths made a second appearance at the council Thursday to see what progress had been made on their earlier request for the city to investigate the possibility of a new park facility in the Terre Vista area. The boys had presented a petition for such a facility at the July meeting. They were informed that a search for a location in the northside has been conducted for some time and the search is continuing.

Herschel Fields, 237 Terre Vista Drive, presented the council with a petition requesting correction of traffic problems on Poplar Street near the Terre Vista, Deming and Woodridge subdivisions. He said the road is bad and turn lanes are needed.

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Alert Councilmen Save Raise For TH Firemen

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Star Staff Writer

A subtle move Thursday night by Terre Haute city councilmen may have kept city firemen from losing a \$100 salary boost they were granted a couple of weeks ago.

Before the 1977 proposed city budget was introduced on first reading, councilmen Pete Chalos and Jack Neaderhiser pointed out that Special

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Ordinance No. 51 which was a bill successfully overriding Mayor William J. Brighten's veto of the \$100 supplemental raise, was in fact not included in the budget.

"We discovered the veto bill was not included in the budget after closely scrutinizing the entire budget last night (Wednesday)," Chalos told The Star.

Chalos said certain city administrators had failed to place the veto ordinance in the budget, but following complaints by Jack Neaderhiser, Kenneth Thomas, himself and others, administrators assured the City Council the ordinance would be included. Chalos said the

administrators told him the exclusion was an "oversight".

"I'm not happy with the attitude of those persons responsible for putting this budget together. They have taken the attitude that since they didn't have to include it in the budget. I resent their lack of action," said Chalos.

It is possible that if the budget would have been introduced without the override veto bill included, city firemen may have not been entitled the additional \$100 wage hike.

The City Council also defeated a bill which would have appropriated \$12,000 to the Board of Public Works for insurance at the Fort Harrison Industrial Park. Councilmen opposing the measure said the insurance issue has "not been clearly explained" and additional time was needed to discuss it.

Six votes are needed to pass an appropriation ordinance and only five councilmen voted in favor of the bill. Larry Kirchner, Pete Chalos, William Jarvis, and Eugene Trummel opposed the measure.

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City Council Approves 1977 Budget

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By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

A 74-cent property tax increase to fund a \$6,555,034 operating budget for the City of Terre Haute for 1977 was approved by the City Council Monday night.

The council met in special session to trim \$66,400 from the proposed budget which had originally called for an 81-cent tax rate hike.

The tax rate as determined by the 1977 budget will be \$4.49 per \$100 of assessed

valuation. The 1976 rate was \$3.75 for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

When announcing the proposed budget with the 81-cent increase, Mayor William J. Brighton said the increases are necessary because the city "cannot forever absorb additional costs without raising rates to cover those costs." The mayor pointed out the years before the city had given substantial tax reductions while giving salary increases and facing large increases in utility rates.

Councilmen Larry Kirchner and Pete Chalos both expressed dissatisfaction with the salary increases in the budget.

Councilman Kirchner explained he felt the budget should have been trimmed further by cutting some of the salary increases to the department heads. Kirchner said, though, the council had been "misled" when they earlier had passed an ordinance providing for increases up to \$3,000 for some positions. He said the members had been told at that time the salaries could be lowered in the budget, but were later informed that they could not change them once

they were approved in the original ordinance.

Councilman William Jarvis, who along with Councilman Chalos voted against accepting the favorable committee report of the budget, indicated he was unhappy with the "big rip-off" for the \$455,804 provided in the Board of Works and Safety budget for the trash removal contract. The money was allocated in the budget but the council has not yet voted to ratify the contract for trash removal entered into by the board.

Sixty-seven per cent of the cuts from the proposed budget were made in the Park and Recreation Department and the Board of Works and Safety proposed budgets.

A total of \$22,500 was cut from the Park and Recreation Department with major reductions in building materials and utilities' costs. In the Board of Works and Safety budget, \$22,000 was cut from the proposed utility budget which estimated increases in rates for 1977.

Commenting on a \$1,600 cut in the budget of City Court Judge Frank Craw-

ford, of which \$1,500 was in the account for special judges and judges pro tem, Councilman Jack Neaderhiser said he feels legislative change is necessary to keep down the costs in that account.

Neaderhiser explained that the City Judge is allowed to participate in private practice, so when he has a case in another court he can appoint a special judge at \$25 a day to take his place. Councilman Neaderhiser said he does not feel it is right for the city to pay the \$25 per day when the judge is in another court possibly making "up to \$8,000" beside drawing his \$16,000 annual salary as judge. Neaderhiser's solution was that the legislature should change the existing law to require the judge to pay the \$25 charge.

Departmental budgets approved, several with amendments, were: \$59,710 for the Mayor's office; \$200,441 for the City Controller; \$6,450 for the Barrett Law clerk; \$64,775 for the City Clerk; \$24,300 for the Common Council; \$30,610 for the City Judge; \$1,300 for the City Treasurer; \$55,635 for the Legal Department; \$85,434 for City Hall; \$795 for the Board of Examining Engineers; \$60,545 for the Engineering Department; \$74,953 for the Deputy Engineer and Building Inspector; and \$10,300 for Weights and Measures.

Also, \$700 for the Department of Redevelopment; \$1,514,689 for the Police Department; \$1,705,912 for the Fire Department; \$4,625 for the Fire Alarm System; \$2,584,284 for the Board of Public Works and Safety; \$2,105 for the Planning Commission; \$3,295 for the Board of Zoning Appeals; \$4,525 for Human Relations; \$87,151 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park; \$685,874 for the Park and Recreation Department; \$918,846 for Motor Vehical Highway fund. \$29,800 for traffic signals; \$218,403 for the Board of Cemetery Regents; \$109,072 for parking meters; \$666,085 for firemen's pensions; \$508,554 for police pensions and \$175,282 for the Sinking Fund.

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City Council Set For Fund Requests

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The Terre Haute City Council is to meet in its regular September session Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom to consider a variety of appropriation and special ordinances.

The money ordinances scheduled for vote in the September meeting include a \$20,000 appropriation ordinance for the Motor Vehicle Highway Department, \$12,000 for the infant care feeding program, \$8,000 for the Park and Recreation Department and \$3,000 for the Hyte Community Center.

The rezoning of the property for the new Terre Haute Regional Hospital is to be considered by the councilmen. The new multi-million dollar hospital, on which construction is to begin next spring, has been proposed for a site south of South Vigo High School west of Seventh Street.

Another rezoning ordinance to be considered will allow for the establishment of a thrift store at 1124 Eagle Street for the Light House Mission, if approved. The rezoning of property

at 1925 Fifth Ave. for commercial use is to be voted upon, also.

An ordinance to amend the salary and benefit ordinance of firemen is up for council consideration. The ordinance is to specify vacation and holiday time off, according to reports.

The only traffic ordinance scheduled is one to establish one-way traffic on First, Second and Third avenues.

Resolutions to be voted upon Thursday include a resolution commending the Swope Art Gallery, 25 S. 7th St., for presenting the collection, "Reflections of our Heritage — The Art of the American Indian."

Money transfer resolutions to be considered will include \$500 for the mayor's office, a total of \$14,725 for the Street Department and \$100 for the Board of Public Works and Safety.

New business to be introduced for first reading will include a rezoning ordinance involving several blocks on the southside of the city.

Councilman Pete Chalos has signed an ordinance to rezone the properties from Center and Washington streets south to Center and Hulman streets from R-3 (professional offices and home businesses) to R-2 (two-family residential). Chalos's ordinance stated the rezoning proposal is an effort to "preserve the neighborhood."

Traffic ordinances to be introduced will be for placement of four-way stop signs at 23rd and Grant streets near the new Brittlebank Park and for stop signs for east and west traffic at the intersection of 21st and Seabury streets. Yield signs are proposed for north and south traffic at the intersections of 27th and Buckeye streets and 28th and Linden streets.

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Council Passes Firemens Holiday Pay Ordinance

By J. BLAINE AKERS

Star Staff Writer

An ordinance basing holiday pay for city firemen on the "actual number of days worked per year" was unanimously approved Thursday night by the Terre Haute City Council.

The holiday pay ordinance, which amended a previous salary ordinance for city firemen, contrasts with the current rate which basis holiday pay on a 365-day calendar year.

According to Larry Kirchner, councilman-at-large, firemen currently make about \$22.50 for working holidays. This fact was the basis of a threatened civil suit by a group of city firemen earlier this year.

The holiday pay issue erupted about one year ago when many local firemen, because of a manpower shortage, were forced to work holidays. Normally firemen were given extra days off for working holidays, but instead were paid "extra." That "extra" amounted to less than one dollar per hour as pointed out by Kirchner.

In other action by the City Council, an ordinance to rezone property south of South High School was passed. The property is the proposed site for the new Terre Haute Regional Hospital.

Frank Crawford, attorney representing Hospital Corporation of America explained construction plans call for a six-story, ultra-modern hospital, a multi-story professional services building, and a convalescent home.

Members of the City Council expressed their appreciation to Hospital Corporation of America officials for proposed construction in Terre Haute.

First District Councilman Pete Chalos requested a city controller's report on the failure of the Wabash Valley Economic Corporation to "turn over" approximately \$250,000 to the city of Terre Haute. The \$250,000 was to be given to the city when it purchased the Fort Harrison Industrial Park more than a year ago.

"Terre Haute has this money coming to them and I would hate to see the \$250,000 payment become a political ploy on the part of a particular candidate," said Chalos.

Chalos' remarks were slanted toward Thomas Roberts, former treasurer of the Wabash Valley Economic Corporation, and a candidate for Vigo County Treasurer.

The City Council okayed a \$20,000 appropriation for the purchase of a new vehicle for the street department, an

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\$8,000 appropriation for repairs to the driveway at Rea Park, and \$12,000 for an infant care feeding program by the Well Child Care Clinic. An additional \$3,000 was appropriated for lighting and insurance at Hyte Community Center.

Rezoning requests for property located at 1925 Fifth Ave., to be used as a printing shop, and at 1124 Eagle St., to be used as a thrift store for the Light House Mission, were passed Thursday night by the City Council.

Also passed was a bill calling for one-way traffic east on First Avenue from 13th Street to 25th Street, on Second Avenue one-way west from 13th Street to 25th Street, and on Third Avenue one-way east from 19th Street to 25th Street.

A resolution commending Swope Art Gallery on its collection, "Reflections of Our Heritage—The Art of the American Indian," was approved. The collection is on display locally Sept. 10 through Oct. 3.

Raymond Olinger, 2401 Washington Ave., com-

plained Thursday night to the Terre Haute City Council about "public nuisances" concerning patronage at J&R Sip Bar, 1427 S. 25th St.

Olinger presented a petition containing several signatures of residents complaining about the tavern "nuisance."

Olinger said patrons park their auto on the private property of local residents, vandalize neighboring property, and patronize the tavern after business hours, according to Olinger.

Pete Lamb, city council president, urged Olinger to make complaints to the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission and stated local police would be "advised of the situation."

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Council Authorizes Housing Projects

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By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council Thursday authorized the initiation of several housing projects by the Terre Haute Housing Authority.

Also approved were resolutions providing for the sale of over \$100,000 worth of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park and several rezoning and land traffic ordinances.

The resolutions for the housing projects allow the city housing authority to become involved with the construction and operation of housing units for the low income, elderly and handicapped in the city.

The projects, for which preliminary federal funding has been approved on some, will be handled through the Bethesda Corporation, a not-for-profit group. The Housing Authority will assist in the planning of the structures and will be contracted for the management.

One project for the low income, elderly and handicapped persons in the city calls for 150 new units, which may be located in more than one location in the city.

The second project calls for several low income and elderly units in different locations. The separate projects will be Garfield Gardens, constructed new with 62 units; Deming Center, a renovation of the old Deming Hotel with 84 units; Terre Haute House, renovation of the existing building with 114 units; House of Hope, constructed new with 33 units; and Honey Creek Gardens, constructed new with 146 units in Unit I or 92 units in Unit II.

The sale of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park amounted to the north bay of Building T-101 to JAD-CORE for \$60,000 and another building for \$45,000 to Brahler Tire.

An ordinance to rezone property at 3016 N. Fifth St. for a mobile home

received a majority vote after about 35 minutes of discussion. Several neighborhood residents and attorney Arnold Brames opposed the placement of a mobile home in their neighborhood, stating it would decrease property values. They presented a petition with 45 signatures.

The council approved the rezoning after pointing out the applicant, Larry Thomas, had the required amount of land and met all other specifications.

Other action taken included the approval of the rezoning of all properties in the 1400, 1500 and 1600 blocks of South Center Street between Washington Avenue and Hulman Street.

Councilman Pete Chalos, who introduced the ordinance, explained the rezoning changed the property from R-3, an apartment classification which included professional offices, to R-2, two family residential. He said the change was an effort to keep the area from becoming commercialized.

Traffic signs were approved, including stop signs for 21st and Seabury streets and 23rd and Grant streets and yield signs for 28th and Linden streets and 27th and Buckeye streets.

Resolutions approved were transfers for \$550 for the Board of Cemetery Regents, \$538.50 for the Common Council, \$44,000 for the Police Department, \$9,000 for the Fire Department, \$200 for the Engineering Department, \$300 for the Legal Department, \$260 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$100 for the Firemen's Pension Fund, \$2,000 for the Motor Vehicle Highway Department, \$17,945 for the Park and Recreation Department and \$667.50 for the Building Inspector and Deputy Engineer.

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Councilman Pete Chalos Wants Project Bid Specifications To Be Reviewed

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Suggesting contractors have assisted the Terre Haute Board of Public Works in preparing project specifications prior to advertisement of bids, First District Councilman Pete Chalos requested Monday night copies of specifications for the past 15 contracts and names of those persons who prepared them.

Chalos' action came during Monday night's City Council meeting. Chalos told newsmen:

"Since we have a city engineer drawing a salary of \$20,000 and we have a city controller, a staff, a city attorney and an assistant attorney, I think any bid specifications prepared should be done by our own personnel and without any help from outside sources . . . just for good business practices."

Chalos said during the past few months there has been "one instance" where a person who helped prepare bid specifications was successful in getting the project contract.

The first district councilman said, "I feel in order for good business practices to prevail, since we have qualified people and they are well paid, they should do their own work."

The request by Chalos called for copies of the past 15 sets of project specifications, names of the persons who prepared the specifications, and whether or not "outside" persons assisting in the preparation were successful in getting the project bid. He asked the information be made available to all city councilmen by next month.

Primary topic of business Monday

night was the passage of a bill authorizing the sale of city-owned property, north of the Vigo County Courthouse and City Hall, to the Vigo County Board of Commissioners. Vigo County officials are to purchase the property for \$385,675 and propose to build a "courthouse annex" at the site. County officials must apply for federal funding for the proposed project by Oct. 26.

In other business, the City Council passed two similar ordinances authorizing the sale of property at the Fort Harrison Industrial Park. One ordinance pertained to the cash purchase of a \$70,000 open shed by Illiana Development Corporation and the other bill was purchase of nearly seven acres of land for almost \$70,000 by Valentine Development Corporation.

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Chalos to Call for City Standards

City Council (T.H.)
City Councilman Pete Chalos will submit a resolution calling for business practices of the "highest professional, business and legal standards." to members of the Terre Haute City Council during the regular monthly meeting Thursday night.

The resolution stems from a request of Chalos last month when he asked the Board of Public Works and Safety to submit information pertaining to the last 15 sets of bid specifications prepared by that office. He requested the information be submitted to him before the November council session.

To date, Chalos said, the Board of Works and Safety has refused to comply with his request.

Chalos said he made the request from the Board of Works and Safety because he is interested in city government maintaining business practices and rules of conduct which follow the "spirit of the law" and which "prohibit any kind of manipulating."

According to the councilman he is aware of "at least one incident" which involved a company representative assisting in the preparation of a bid specification and then the same company being awarded the contract.

"Government has come under a great deal of criticism during the past few years. The public demands accountability and good government. This resolution expresses my desire for city government business practices to be conducted with the highest professional, business and legal standards in mind," Chalos said.

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The resolution directs the Board of Public Works and Safety to adhere to the following procedures:

1. Specifications for contracts to be advertised for bids by the City of Terre Haute are to be written by the employees of the department responsible for the purchase of the goods or services.

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2. If it is necessary for the city to have expert assistance in the preparation of the specifications, the persons or firm assisting shall sign and file an affidavit that they have no personal or corporate interest, nor do they represent a party with an interest in the project or purchase.

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Jack Neaderhiser Airs City Council (TH) Communication Lack Letter

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

In relation to a resolution urging business practices by the city of Terre Haute to be of the "highest professional, business and legal standards," Fourth District Councilman Jack L. Neaderhiser presented

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to the City Council a letter which complained of the lack of communications between city government officials.

The City Council, by an 8-0 vote (Councilman Gene Trumml was absent), adopted a resolution pertaining to business practices used while preparing bid specifications for local projects and purchases.

Neaderhiser's letter read:

"There is a lack of communication between the mayor's office, Board of Public Works and Safety, and department heads with the City Council. In plain words many times the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. There must and will be in the very near future improved communications between the councilmen and other members of city government. This will be

accomplished with cooperation of all concerned. There are two key words—communication and cooperation.

"Last session of the Indiana General Assembly, a bill was introduced that would provide for two city councilmen to be members of the Board of Public Works and Safety. It died in committee, never seeing the light of day. Either because the sponsor of the bill didn't have the know-how to pass it or it was strongly lobbied against.

"Vigo County has a new face now in the Indiana House of Representatives. I believe some of his platform consisted of government reforms and the upgrading of government. Maybe he would be interested in introducing this type of legislation again."

In other business acted on by the City Council, a budgetary item regarding the two-year refuse collection contract with Jamax Corporation passed 8-1, Councilman William Jarvis opposing the measure. The trash contract has already been included in the 1977 city budget, but needed official approval by the City Council before going into effect.

Jarvis contends the contract with Jamax Corporation, the only firm bidding for the ash-trash collection service, is "the biggest rip-off going in Terre Haute." The Third District councilman has consistently opposed the contract, citing the \$451,945 per year contract is "plumb ridiculous."

"I have suggested the city undertake the service themselves rather than throw the city taxpayer's money away. It's a racket and to approve such a contract is an injustice to the people of Terre Haute," argued Jarvis.

Councilman-at-large Larry Kirchner said the costs of the service tended to be high, but stated "more bidders" are needed to solve the problem. He said:

"I really don't know what to do, but until more bidders participate, the only thing we can do is to approve the contract."

Rezoning ordinances were approved by the City Council, including those to rezone property at 2817 Harding Ave. (to be used as offices for Hurst-Rosche Engineers of Indiana); and at 315 N. 14th St. (to be used for a multi-mall shopping complex.)

Traffic ordinances okayed by the City Council included ones to install stop signs at 32nd and Crawford streets, 11½ and Franklin streets, Harding and Voorhees avenues, Fourth Street and Sixth Street at Seventh Avenue, and at the alley of Woodrow Wilson Junior High School at 23rd and 24th streets.

New business introduced Thursday night included an ordinance to establish no parking on the east side of 6½ Street between Maple and Grand avenues; a bill to install stop signs at Crawford Street and Barton Avenue; and a measure to install an automatic flasher light at 25th Street and Wallace Avenue.

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Council Adopts Resolution Urging City Ethical Business Practices

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Appropriation ordinances totaling \$44,800 were passed Thursday night by the Terre Haute City Council which also adopted a Pete Chalos-sponsored resolution calling for ethical business practices on the part of the city government.

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A large group of art enthusiasts attended the Thursday night session to witness the City Council approve a \$3,000 appropriation for the Women's Art Symposium of Terre Haute. Donna Friedman, a planner for the art symposium, stated a four-day program centered on women's contributions to the arts is to be conducted in Terre Haute Feb. 9 through Feb. 12. The program is to feature top artists throughout the nation and will offer displays of major artistic works in graphics arts, music, cinema, and dance.

A lengthy discussion preceded a 6-2 favorable vote and subsequent passage of a \$41,800 appropriation ordinance to purchase data processing equipment. Councilmen William Jarvis and Chalos opposed the appropriation request which

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now gives the city complete ownership of data processing equipment used for preparing city sewage bills and city payroll checks.

Chalos said he had "mixed emotions about computers" and said the purchase "really isn't that good of a deal." He also stated there were unanswered questions pertaining to the Terre Haute Sanitary District's access to the equipment. Chalos said he wants to see a rental fee system established for use of the equipment by the Sanitary District.

Jarvis complained about the cost of maintenance for the equipment (\$6,000 per year) and agreed with Chalos about the feasibility of the purchase. The equipment purchased has been used by the city on a lease agreement for the past five years and the ordinance authorizes the city to purchase the equipment through its option with IBM.

As expected, the City Council unanimously adopted Chalos' resolution pertaining to business practices in the preparation of bid specifications prior to advertisement of local projects and contracts.

The resolution read:
"Whereas the Common Council of the

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City of Terre Haute desires for all business practices, conducted by the various departments of the city government, be of the highest professional, business, and legal standards:

"Direct the Board of Public Works and Safety in the following manner:

(a) After due study of all pertinent data, specifications for contracts to be advertised for bids by the city of Terre Haute are to be written by the employees of the department responsible for the purchase or project:

(b) If it is necessary for the city to have expert assistance in the preparation of the specifications, the person or firm assisting shall sign and file an affidavit that they have no personal or corporate interest, nor do they represent a party with an interest in the project or purchase."

Chalos had requested information regarding the past 15 sets of specifications prepared by the Board of Public Works. He said he had learned of one incident where the person preparing the bid specification was later awarded the contract. Chalos did not receive the information he requested for Thursday's City Council meeting.

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Community Affairs File City Council Okays Resolution, Money

Ordinances totaling nearly one-half million dollars and a resolution calling for ethical business practices by city officials were adopted during the regular monthly meeting of the Terre Haute City Council Thursday night.

The approved ordinances include \$451,945 for the Jamax Corporation to collect refuse in the city, \$41,800 for purchase of data processing equipment and \$3,000 for the Women's Art Symposium.

The Pete Chalos-sponsored resolution pertaining to business practices in the preparation of bid specifications prior to the advertisement of projects and contracts received unanimous approval by the councilmen.

The resolution prohibits any person or firm from assisting in the preparation of bid specifications and then later bidding on the contract or project.

Councilmen approved two rezoning ordinances and struck another from the record. Receiving approval were a parcel of land at 2817 Harding

Ave. (to be used as offices for Hurst-Rosche Engineers of Indianapolis), and a parcel of land at 315 N. 14th St. (to be used for a multi-mall shopping complex).

An ordinance to rezone property at 1900 Margaret Ave., was stricken from the record.

Traffic ordinances approved include ones to install stop signs at 32nd and Crawford streets, 11½ and Franklin streets, Harding and Voorhees avenues, on 4th Street and 6th Street at 7th Avenue, and at the alley of Woodrow Wilson Junior High School at 23rd and 24th streets.

New business included five resolutions for the transfer of funds from one account to another. They included \$90 to the Board of Cemetery Regents, \$4,927 to the City Controller's office, \$1,588 to the legal department, \$40,000 to the fire department for repairs to a fire truck, \$5,000 to the Motor Vehicle Highway Department and \$150 to the City Engineer's office.

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TH Councilman *(City Council (T+H))* Lenahan Charged S NOV 25 1976 With Assault

Terre Haute City Councilman Thomas H. Lenahan was named in an arrest warrant issued Wednesday charging him with assault and battery.

Vigo County Court Judge Herbert R. Gerdink authorized the warrant following an oral probable cause hearing at which several witnesses testified.

Complainant in the case is Michael Comer, 4117 Hollywood Ave. According to reports, Lenahan struck Comer during an incident involving a young woman Sunday at a local shopping center.

According to Vigo County School Corp. officials, Lenahan, a social studies teacher at Terre Haute North Vigo High School, has been on sick leave all week at his own request.

Charles M. Clark, administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools, said Lenehan has not been suspended but an investigation is being conducted in the matter by Dr. Thomas R. Corbs, personnel director. Supt., Harmon A. Baldwin and school board attorney James O. McDonald have been involved in the probe, Clark said.

It is expected Lenahan will be make a court appearance Monday. All courts are closed through Monday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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A step in the *City Council* right direction

City Council passage of a resolution concerning ethical business practices in city government should be applauded by local citizens. It is a step in the right direction along a path too long neglected.

Councilman Pete Chalos introduced the resolution which passed unanimously. It strikes at the heart of a common practice in local city and county government which has been prevalent for years: government-vendor complicity in the preparation of specifications so as to rig contracts.

The resolution calls for city departments to prepare their own specifications. If expert assistance is needed, the person or firm aiding in the preparation will sign an affidavit that they have no interest in nor intend to bid on that matter.

The Spectator has published several instances in which there were indications that the winning bidder had actually prepared the specifications. Obviously, such actions discourage many responsible businesses and contractors from bidding on local government contracts.

The ultimate effect is to drive taxes still higher.

This resolution does not have the force of law, but it should be taken seriously by the administrative agencies of local government, specifically, but not only, the Board of Works and Safety.

Councilman Chalos and his colleagues are to be commended.

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Appears In Court— **6 NOV 30 1976** Lenahan Suspended From Teaching Duty

City Council (111)
Terre Haute City Councilman Thomas H. Lenahan has been suspended with pay from his teaching position at Terre Haute North Vigo High School pending further investigation into an altercation several days ago for which Lenahan has been charged.

Lenahan, a social studies teacher at North, appeared in Vigo County Court Division 4 Monday morning and had his case continued. He is charged with assault and battery for an alleged attack on Michael Comer, 21, 4117 Hollywood Ave.

The incident is reported to have taken place Nov. 19 at a Terre Haute shopping center and it involved a former North female pupil.

Judge Herbert R. Gerdink continued the case to Dec. 14 at the request of Lenahan's attorney, William Smock. He is free on his own recognizance.

Meanwhile, a petition was filed Monday in Vigo Superior Court Division 3 for dissolution of the marriage of Lenahan and his wife Melissa.

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City Council Set To Hear Request For Land Sale

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The Terre Haute City Council will meet in its regular monthly session Thursday night in City Hall.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom.

The council held off on the final decision of whether the council would meet Thursday until it had been determined if heat would be supplied to the building.

City Hall had been closed since late last Tuesday when the boiler in the building's heating system ruptured. Due to the threat of an explosion if used, the building was without heat and plumbing until a new boiler could be ordered and installed.

Installation of the new boiler was completed Wednesday and City Hall offices were open Thursday.

New business to be heard by the council Thursday for first

reading includes a special ordinance for sale of property in the city-owned Fort Harrison Industrial Park to the Quality Electric Company for \$20,000.

In other new business, a general ordinance will be introduced for amending Ordinance No. 6, 1961 (An Ordinance Regulating the Connection to and Use of Public and Private Sewers and Drains, the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers and the discharge of Waters and Wastes into the Public Sewer System of the City of Terre Haute, Ind., and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof).

Money transfer resolutions to be considered will include \$110 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$6,000 for the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and \$900 for the Board of Cemetery Regents.

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City Approves T DEC 10 1978 Laughner Bonds

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By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute City Council Thursday approved a resolution for a \$800,000 bond sale to finance the new Laughner's Cafeteria to be constructed on the southeast corner of Davis Avenue and U.S. 41.

In other council business, a \$40,000 money transfer for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park was voted down, several money transfers were approved and three traffic ordinances were approved.

The issue of the bonds by the city for such facilities as Laughner's Cafeteria is allowable under a previous statute creating an Economic Development Commission to issue revenue bonds for economic development facilities.

Attorney Robert Wright, representing Laughner Cafeteria, assured the council the city would be under no liability by the issuance of the bonds and would not be required to spend any city funds. The principal, interest and all other expenses are paid by the company to the city, according to the resolution explaining the sale of bonds for the cafeteria.

The bonds are to finance the construction and equipping of the facilities. Plans call for the construction of a 12,500 square foot building and a paved and landscaped parking area with fixtures and equipment for the preparation and service of food.

The \$40,000 money transfer not approved by the council for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park was for the purchase of railroad ties. The council defeated the resolution by a unanimous

vote of 7-0.

The money was to be used to buy railroad ties to put the sidings in the park back into "operable condition" after several derailments there, according to some council members. The council voted down the resolution when it was explained that no plan has been made yet, though, of how and by whom the ties will be installed.

Traffic ordinances approved by the council were for no parking on the east side of 6½ Street between Maple and Grand avenues, stop signs on Crawford and Barton streets and an automatic flasher light at 25th Street and Wallace Avenue.

Money transfers approved were \$110 for the Fort Harrison Industrial Park, \$6,000 for the Motor Vehicle Highway Department, \$900 for the Board of Cemetery Regents, \$230 for the Park and Recreation Department, two resolutions of \$388.75 and \$199.53 for City Hall and \$44.60 for the City Clerk.

An ordinance in new business for amending Ordinance No. 6, 1961, which regulates use of public and private sewers and drains, was placed in the committee of the whole for vote at the next meeting.

Other new business put in committees were for the sale of property in the industrial park, yield signs at Mariposa and Barton and yield signs at Mariposa and 22nd Street.

Seven of the nine city councilmen attended Thursday's meeting, with Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb and Councilman-at-Large Thomas Lenahan absent.

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Sewer Rate Proposal Hearing Set Monday

By COLLEEN SIMS
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A public hearing has been scheduled for next Monday with a City Council meeting to follow after the Terre Haute City Council Monday night failed to receive the necessary unanimous vote to suspend the rules to consider a hike for sewage rates.

The public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, with the City Council meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The council had been called for a special session Monday night to consider a 13-cent per 100 cubic feet of water rate increase for sewage treatment.

Because a unanimous vote is necessary to suspend the rules to consider for vote any business introduced on first reading the same night, the council could not vote on the ordinance for the rate hike when Councilman William Jarvis would not vote to suspend the rules.

Councilman Jack Neaderhiser made the motion for the public hearing with the council meeting to follow, which was approved.

The ordinance under question, General Ordinance No. 4, will increase the current sewage bill by slightly over 13-cents, from 56.24-cents per 100 cubic feet of water to 69.3-cents per 100 cubic feet.

The proposed ordinance allows for a smaller sewage rate for those users who can prove that a portion of the water measured by the water meters does not enter the sewage system. Sewage billing is determined by the amount of water used by the sewer system customer.

Councilman Jarvis reportedly claimed at the meeting he was uninformed on the rate increase request.

Council President John S. "Pete" Lamb said a 15-page summary of the reasons for the requested increase had been given council members by Terre Haute Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Dave Arnold. President Lamb said council members met with Arnold for over an hour discussing the increase earlier this month.

Some of the reasons the increase is being requested, according to Lamb, are: higher wages and fringe benefits for

treatment plant employees as mandated in the new union contract, additional costs for chemical treatments as required by federal regulation and higher electrical power costs due to rate increases.

"This is a part of municipal government that we have to meet our obligations and we can't run on a deficit basis," President Lamb said, stating his views on the proposed rate hike. "We have to pay our bills."

President Lamb said the city has to adjust rates the same as other public utilities.

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Council in Session For Sewer Rate Hike

By COLLEEN SIMS
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A sewage rate increase of 13-cents per 100 cubic feet of water used will be considered by the Terre Haute City Council in a special session Monday evening.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom.

The 13-cent increase is to be considered just six months after the council approved an equitable users' rate for sewage billing, which amounted to about a 16-cent reduction for the average home user of the sewage system.

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The sewage billing increase is to be the only business discussed at the council meeting, according to City Council sources.

The proposed ordinance will increase the current sewage bill by slightly over 13-cents, from 56.24-cents per 100 cubic feet of sewage to 69.3-cents per 100 cubic feet.

The proposed ordinance allows for a smaller sewage rate if those users of the system can prove that a portion of the water measured by the water meters does not enter the sewage system. The sewage billing system is determined by the amount of water used by the sewer system customers.

City Councilman-at-large Thomas Lenahan is the sponsor of the sewage rate ordinance.

The City Council in June approved an ordinance lowering the sewage rate for most home users.

The ordinance established an equitable users' rate, which set a charge of 56.24-cents for each 100 cubic feet of sewage. That amounted to a 16-cent reduction in the rate for those home users.

The equitable users' rate increased the amount paid by the large users of the sewage system though. The previous billing system had been a discount system which gave the large users such as industries a smaller rate than the home users. The rates had been 72-cents per 100 cubic feet for home users and 16-cents per 100 cubic feet for large users.

Estimates at the time the June ordinance was passed were that more revenue would be generated through the equitable users' rate system because the large users would be paying much more.

The ordinance up for vote Monday night which will add 13-cents onto the equitable rate will still be three-cents below the previous home user rate.

The June action by the council also did away with the minimum sewage bill, which was set at \$8.46 for 900 cubic feet of sewage whether that much was produced or not.

After the June action, the cost for 900 cubic feet of sewage was lowered to \$5.06. With the proposed increase, the bill for 900 cubic feet of sewage will be \$7.24.

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Proposed Sewage Rate Increase Passed By City Council; 6-2 Vote

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Preceded by a 75-minute public hearing on a proposed increase in city sewage rates, the Terre Haute City Council, by a 6-2 vote, passed an ordinance granting the requested sewage rate hike.

Local property owners will now pay 69.3-cents per 100 cubic feet of water used or sewage discharged, representing a 13-cent hike in the current rate. Earlier this year, the City Council had approved an ordinance which provided for a flat rate charge of 56.24-cents per 100 cubic feet.

The burden of the sewage rate increase will be shouldered by Terre Haute industries, commercial businesses and large water users. Most local homeowners actually realized a decrease in their sewage bills this summer when the water usage schedule was based on the flat rate as opposed to the former sliding scale rate.

Only approximately 25 citizens attended the public hearing which preceded Monday night's City Council meeting. At least three laundromat

owners voiced opposition to the rate increase.

One laundry proprietor stated, "Actually you are penalizing the poor people because most of them are the ones who use the laundromats. They can't afford washers and dryers so they depend on our service. Now we will probably have to increase the costs of our services to make-up for the increase in our sewage bills."

The sternest opposition to the rate hike was voiced by William Haldt, a person who submitted a great deal of information about alleged irregularities in business operations at the Terre Haute Sewage Disposal Plant. Haldt had previously submitted similar information to the Vigo County grand jury which probed into complaints in city government financial transactions.

Haldt cited facts stated in a State Board of Accounts audit which revealed the Terre Haute Sewage Treatment Plant "misappropriated" \$94,978 in 1972; \$144,555 in 1973, and \$143,330 in 1974. The misappropriations concerned the hiring of local firms to clean sewers and dry wells, most of the hiring coming without competitive bidding procedures as required by state statutes.

"It is not a question of whether you a Republican or Democrat. Something has to be done to assure control over sewage fund expenditures. Right now it is simply a slush fund for local politicians," shouted Haldt to the city government officials attending Monday night's meetings.

Richard Stilwell, who was foreman of the grand jury which investigated local government business procedures, said. "During the past year, I have been given information which indicates the local sewage facility could be better managed. I truly hope you will institute some type of control over their spending practices."

Dave Arnold, sewage treatment plant superintendent, fielded questions and accusations from a number of persons, including Haldt, and informed the audience the sewage rate hikes this year (in June and December) were the first in three years.

"The cost of our operation has increased almost 100 per cent and we must simply ask for an increase in the sewage rate. The requested increase is about 28 per cent, while a number of other local utilities have sought and were given rate hikes almost double ours," said Arnold.

The sewage plant superintendent said without the rate hike, the local facility would incur a debt amounting to approximately \$1 million. The bulk of the debt is represented in the retirement of bonds used to build a secondary plant at the southside site in 1969.

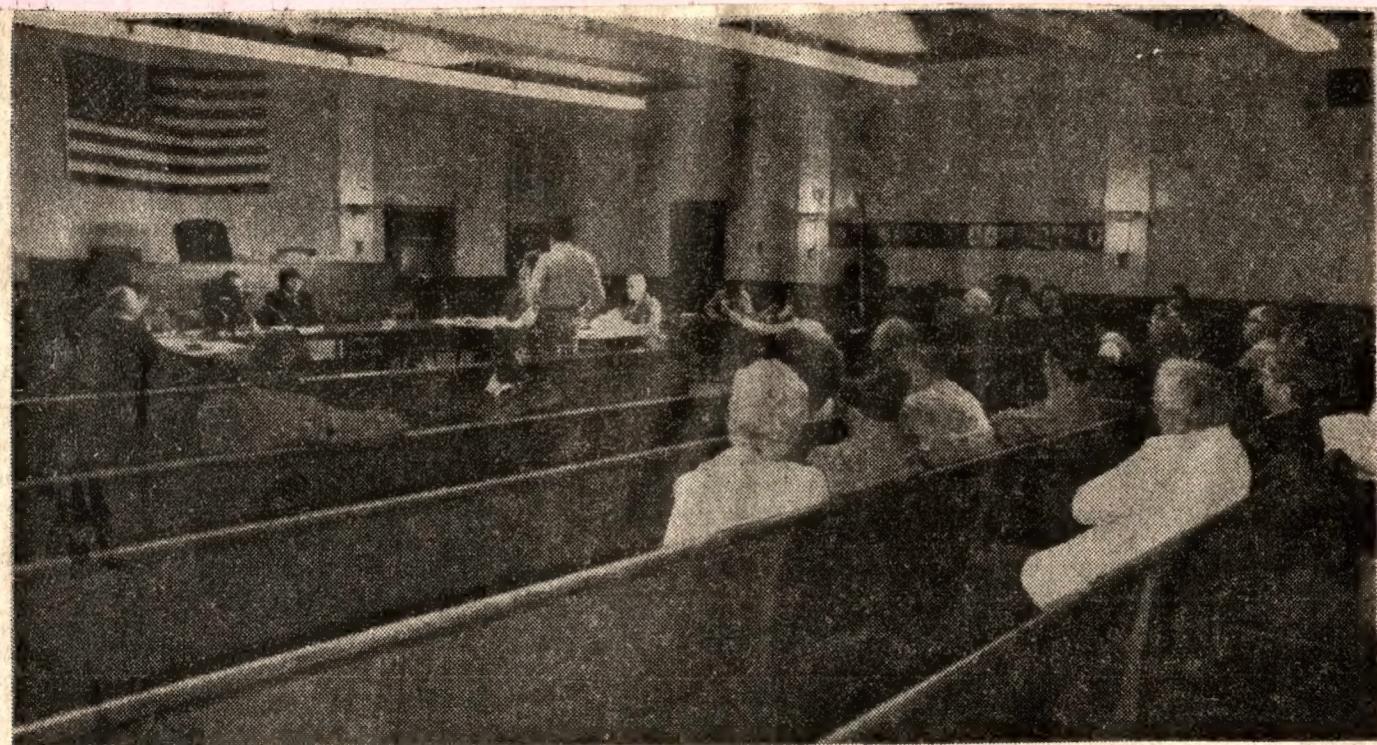
Councilmen William Jarvis and Pete Chalos voted against the requested rate increase. Councilmen supporting the ordinance included Pete Lamb, Larry Kirchner, Jack I. Neaderhiser, Tom Lenahan, Kenneth Thomas and A.C. Malooley.

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SMALL TURNOUT ON SEWAGE RATE ISSUE—About 25 Terre Haute citizens attended a Monday night public hearing on the proposed increase in city sewage rates. Following the hearing, the Terre Haute City Council passed an ordinance providing for a 13-cent increase in the local rate. All Terre Haute property owners will now pay 69.3-cents per 100 cubic feet of water used

or sewage discharged. Most opposition voiced Monday night was by several laundromat owners and William Haldt, a local citizen who supplied information which prompted a Vigo County grand jury to investigate city government operations.

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